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9 arrested at welfare protest

- Hundreds show up at Liberal party office to register displeasure with welfare cuts
- Some occupied office, presented 'invoice' for amount of cuts and hung a banner

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▶ An Ontario Coalition Against Poverty activist is led away by police after being arrested following an occupation of Liberal party offices yesterday in Toronto.

Police moved in on a small group of activists speaking against welfare cuts yesterday, arresting nine of them after they occupied a provincial Liberal party office.

The activists marched into the office in downtown Toronto to present a fake invoice representing the cost of welfare cuts. They also hung a banner out the window of the second-floor office.

Police say nine arrests were made, but could not comment on the charges because the investigation is ongoing.

The action came during a rally against the elimination of a special diet allowance for welfare recipients, which drew about 200 to 300 people.

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Black released on bail

- Former media tycoon a free man after posting $2-million US bond
- Will appear in Chicago court tomorrow to learn terms of bail {pages 12, 13}

Guergis won't face charges

PMO unmoved, won't allow her back into caucus {page 10}

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Green problems plaguing Liberals

Government attacked from all angles over handling of eco fee, OPA cuts to solar energy producers

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty is learning the hard way that Kermit the Frog was right all along.

It's not easy being green.

There have been plenty of Liberal government stumbles on the path to making Ontario more environmentally friendly, angering consumers and businesses and leading to embarrassing retreats.

This week the province was forced to withdraw so-called eco fees that had been slapped on thousands of household products July 1 after complaints from consumers and retailers.

Compounding the problem was the fact no one was told eco fees would be charged starting on Canada Day — the same day Ontario switched to a harmonized sales tax, which immediately added eight per cent to the price of gasoline, electricity and home heating fuels.

Instead of the eco fees funding proper disposal of environmentally dangerous products, Ontario taxpayers will spend $5 million to fund the program for 90 days while it is retooled.

Also on the Canada Day weekend, the Ontario Power Authority angered many green energy producers when it announced a very lucrative guaranteed payment for ground-mounted solar energy projects was being slashed by about 27 per cent. Ontario's environmental watchdog said yesterday the OPA has a duty to fully disclose the financial assumptions it used when deciding to cut the guaranteed rate for ground-mounted solar projects, which he estimated will affect 11,000 applicants.

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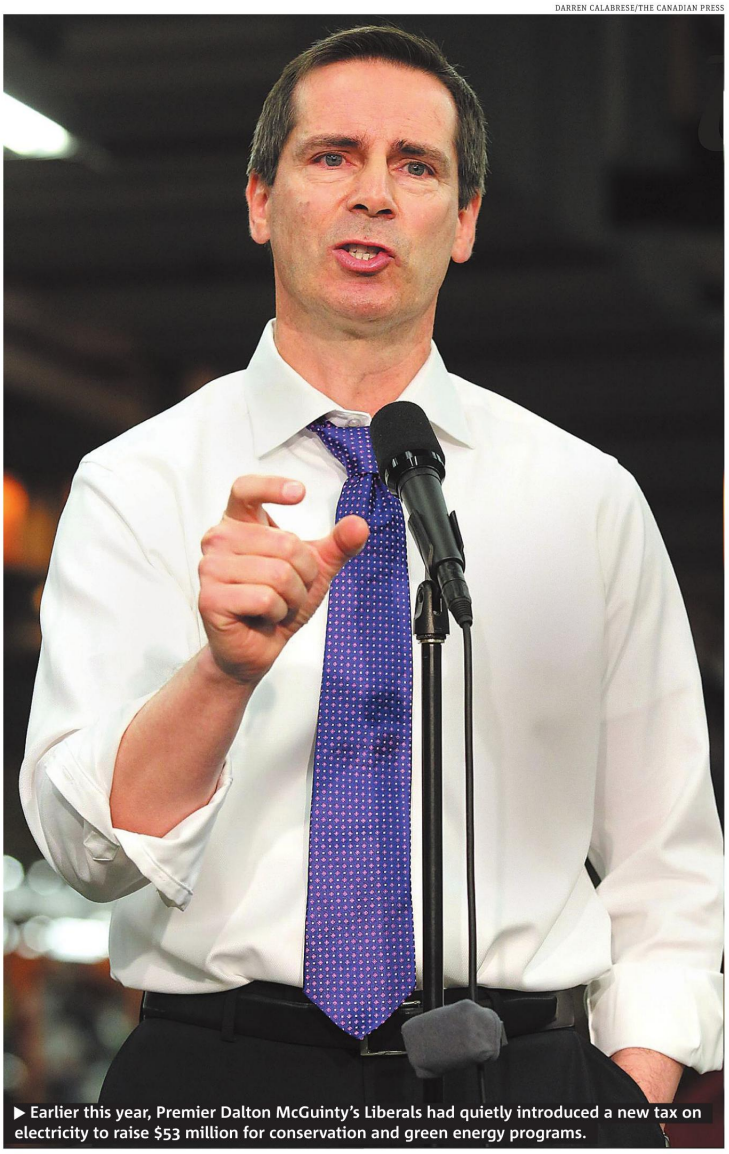

▶ Earlier this year, Premier Dalton McGuinty's Liberals had quietly introduced a new tax on electricity to raise $53 million for conservation and green energy programs.

Issues

The guaranteed rate for small, ground-mounted solar projects was dropped to 58.8 cents from 80.2 cents a kilowatt hour.

- Only rooftop solar projects will qualify for 80.2 cents per kwh. By comparison, publicly owned Ontario Power Generation gets between 3.7 cents a kilowatt hour for hydro-generated power and 5.5 cents a kilowatt hour for nuclear-generated electricity.
- The Liberal's Green Energy Act is supposed to help create 50,000 new jobs as the province moves towards renewable forms of electricity and creates a "centre of excellence" where Ontario would export expertise in renewable energy.
- The problems with going green started early in their first term when the Liberals promised to close all of Ontario's coal-fired generating stations by 2007, a date that was pushed back several times and is now set for 2014.

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▶ Kelly Pflug-Back is shown in an undated Toronto Police Services handout photo.

Suspect in G20 protests turns self in to police

Police have received 17,000 photos and 550 videos from the public 80 people of interest ID'd so far

A 21-year-old woman living in Guelph who was wanted by police in connection with "thousands of dollars in damage" during the G20 summit has turned herself in to Peterborough police.

Sgt. Nancy Loucks of Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Service told the Toronto Star that Kelly Pflug-Back turned herself in yesterday.

She was set to be transported to a holding cell after she was finished being interviewed last night, Loucks said.

Pflug-Back was identified at a news conference as a suspect who faces six counts of mischief over $5,000, said Det. Sgt. Gary Giroux.

Giroux alleged that Pflug-Back is an organizer and someone who gave orders to other demonstrators. Police allege the photographs show the suspect "in and out of her black clothing."

She is accused in attacks on a police car occupied by Const. Graham Queen and stores on Yonge Street, including a McDonald's and Urban Outfitters, and a CIBC on College Street, he said.

In an interview with a blog June 21, Pflug-Back described herself as a grassroots anti-poverty activist for Sense of Security, a Guelph organization that provides food, shelter and aid for people in need, as well as advocacy for people who need legal aid.

Pflug-Back was one of several new suspects identified by police in connection with their investigation into damage during demonstrations on downtown streets while world leaders met behind fences and barricades at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

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Pflug-Back's photos were among 21 released by police, six of them duplicates from early lists of "G20 Most Wanted" done July 7 and July 14. Charges against the others range from mischief to theft. Ten people from those lists have been arrested already.

Giambrone, Rossi face off over TTC payment

The TTC plans to sign a contract this year for the development of a fare system that will allow riders to get on board by waving their credit or debit cards, and possibly even cellphones, at the turnstile, Adam Giambrone says.

The TTC chair told the Toronto Star that a request-for-proposal will go out in early August, with a winning bid hopefully chosen in the fall for a rollout to start in 2011.

"It will be an open payment system that will let you use your credit card or debit card at the turnstile, with a wave or a tap, for use on subways, buses and streetcars, to pay either per ride or to load your various transit passes," similar to transit systems in New York City and Chicago, Giambrone said.

In April, the TTC said it was studying the technology, similar to that of Mastercard's PayPass system. Giambrone said the request-for-proposal will include possible use of chip-enabled cellphones.

The Davenport councillor revealed the plan when asked for his reaction to a pledge by mayoral candidate Rocco Rossi to have the TTC quickly implement the province's Presto smart card.

"If I am elected, in just three short months, Toronto is going to finally get some customer service and new thinking in their transit system," with a TTC-wide adoption of Presto and later use of it for other city services including Toronto Zoo admission and payment of parking tickets, Rossi said.

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▶ Adam Giambrone

Which is cheaper?

- Giambrone argued open payment, which relies on credit card companies to process transactions, is easier and cheaper to implement than Presto's proprietary technology.
- But Rossi said the open payment system would be much more expensive because the TTC wouldn't get a hefty subsidy from the province, as it will if it fully adopts Presto.

Later, he said through his spokeswoman Patricia Best that he will "absolutely" try to kill the open payment system if he is elected mayor after a contract is signed.

Giambrone said the TTC will likely offer Presto or a similar card — also allowing entry with a swipe or tap, without tokens and transfers — for those who can't or don't want to use credit or debit cards, including children, as well as continuing with cash and tokens. TORSTAR NEW SERVICE

Ballantyne to lead Ont. aid society

The executive director of the Simcoe County Children's Aid Society is taking on the same role with the provincial umbrella group.

Mary Ballantyne will assume her new duties with the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies Nov. 1.

She will take over from Jeanette Lewis, who is retiring effective Sept. 30, but has already left the post.

In the interim, director of social policy Virginia Rowden will be acting executive director.

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CPP board vows to sue Magna

The CPP Investment Board says it will continue to battle against Magna International Inc. in court if the auto parts giant gets shareholder approval for a $1.1-billion deal with founder Frank Stronach.

The pension fund manager says it intends to oppose the transaction at the Ontario Superior Court, if it holds a routine fairness hearing on the matter after tomorrow's shareholder vote. The CPPIB will vote against the proposal but doesn't have enough shares in the company to sway the decision by itself.

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Village hit by severe weather

Severe weather that may have included a tornado downed trees and damaged crops around the village of Dungannon in southwestern Ontario yesterday. Meteorologist Geoff Coulson said Environment Canada is following up on reports of large hail and roaring winds that accompanied the weather system. Coulson said significant storm cells moved through the region near Lake Huron.

There was a severe thunderstorm warning in the Goderich-Wingham area between 4 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ROM's space rock a slice of the past

▶ The ROM's Kim Tait says this slice of meteor could offer insight into how the Earth was formed.

- Meteor found in Saskatchewan
- Cut with diamond-wire saw

Researchers are hoping a fresh slice of a rare 4.5-billion-year-old meteorite will yield new information about our planet.

Mineralogists at the Royal Ontario Museum cut into the 53-kilogram space rock yesterday for media cameras.

Kim Tait, a ROM associate curator of mineralogy, said the Springwater pallasite meteorite is the most important and largest of its kind found in Canada.

While its origin is not clearly known, Tait said they suspect it is from the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

Three masses of the rare meteorite were discovered near Springwater, Sask., in 1931, but the piece sliced yesterday was recovered from the site just last year.

Tait says it's an important research tool that could help unravel the origins of the planet and our solar system.

"This is our first chance to take minerals from 4.5 billion years ago and ... see what happened to our solar system at that time."
KIM TAIT, MINERALOGIST

She could not, however, disclose the amount of money it has cost.

Plans are underway to eventually put the meteorite on display at the museum. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Farmers object to price cut

Ontario's environmental commissioner is demanding the Ontario Power Authority release the financial case for a cut in the subsidy farmers and small businesses are paid for generating solar power.

"We need the full financial details used to justify this price cut," Gord Miller said yesterday. The move will chop the rate paid for power from ground-mounted solar projects by 27 per cent to 58.8 cents per kilowatt hour from the original offer of 80.2 cents. The 80.2-cent rate will still apply to power from roof-mounted solar installations owned mostly by city dwellers.

Since the cut was announced July 2, Liberal MPPs from rural areas have been getting an earful from constituents. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vets notice medal mistake

"He put his life on the line for us ... The least we can do is have (the medals) in the right order."
ALEC V. SHIPMAN, FORMER RESERVIST

Bob Blenkhorn didn't even notice the mistake until he showed his friend, Alec V. Shipman, his Warriors' Day Parade entrance pass.

"What do you see wrong with it, Bob?" Shipman asked.

Blenkhorn, a Second World War veteran, took a better look at the image printed on the Canadian National Exhibition grounds pass — a close-up shot of a row of war medals fastened to a military coat.

"Oh jeez," Blenkhorn said. "It's back to front."

The military medals were in reverse order.

The dark blue, light blue and red-striped star medal from the Second World War is supposed to be closest to the heart and farthest from the left shoulder. All others should be flanked right, toward the shoulder.

CNE staff designed and printed the entrance passes for Warriors' Day, an annual celebration of veterans and military victories that takes place at the CNE next month.

"This is a glaring error," said Shipman, 72, who served in the reserves for 23 years. He volunteers every Wednesday morning at Sunnybrook Military Hospital.

Unfortunately, a veteran may have been at the root of the error.

CNE spokesperson Annette Borger said the image used for the passes was cut from a photograph of a veteran at a previous Warriors' Day parade. She said the veteran may have unintentionally put the medals on in reverse.

"Our intent has always been to honour our nation's veterans," she said. "We will immediately change our website image. Unfortunately, the passes have been printed and mailed out." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Officer charged in beating of suspect

A Peel police officer has been charged with beating a suspect in 2003, an attack that one court has already determined he lied to cover up.

The province's Special Investigations Unit has charged Const. Will Vander Wier with aggravated assault in the March 2003 attack on Quang Hoang Tran, then in custody in connection with a robbery investigation.

Vander Wier was investigated by the SIU that year, but was cleared of any wrongdoing.

But in a statement issued yesterday, SIU director Ian Scott said it reopened its investigation after the Ontario Court of Appeal last month condemned the "horrendous" conduct of two Peel officers who beat Tran, who was a suspect in a string of Mississauga home invasions.

Testimony revealed Tran was attacked in a police interview room and left with a broken jaw and a permanent disability.

"Regardless of whether the officers abused Tran to obtain a confession or for some other reason, the essential fact is that they beat him up," Justice Gloria Epstein said in a decision released late last month.

"Their conduct was despicable." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Shootout between art and politics

Chinese delegation complained to exhibit organizers Exhibit debuted in Germany in 2000

The creators of a world-renowned art installation that features a five-tonne cube of small firearms, ammunition and landmines say they are "gobsmacked" that part of their exhibit has been removed because of one complaint from China.

"The Art of Peacemaking: The Gun Sculpture" is on exhibit at the United Nations Vienna International Centre.

Sandra Bromley and Wallis Kendal say they were informed by email that a board showing photos of victims of gun violence from around the world was taken down.

Two of the photos were of Tibetan nuns with the words "imprisoned and beaten in prison" and "locked up as a teenager because of violent political beliefs" beside them.

China claims Tibet, which in turn maintains it has always been an independent country and that China invaded it in 1949.

"We don't understand it. We're speechless, we're furious and we feel it's a real violent act to our exhibit."
SANDRA BROMLEY, EXHIBIT CO-CREATOR

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Quebec City. Snub

▶ Kissing babies is a key part of political campaigning ... or so they say.

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Maybe she's a Tory?

Zoe Lavoie, 1, reacts as Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff approaches her during the Quebec City stop on his countrywide tour.

No invite for the hometown boy?

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He might have created the national park near his hometown but Jean Chretien shouldn't necessarily count on an invitation to its 40th anniversary party.

The Conservative government won't offer any guarantees that the three-term former prime minister will be on the guest list for the anniversary event near Shawinigan.

Chretien helped inaugurate Mauricie National Park in 1970, while he was still a young cabinet minister in Pierre Elliott Trudeau's government. The birthday bash is scheduled for next month.

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BP sticks a cork in it

BP has temporarily corked a relief tunnel deep beneath the sea floor as tropical rainstorms move toward the Gulf of Mexico.

The tunnel will be used to blast mud and cement into BP's leaky well, hopefully sealing it off for good.

But the threat of a tropical storm has prompted the oil giant to shut off the tunnel to keep it from being damaged.

BP vice-president Kent Wells said the relief well was plugged yesterday morning and drilling was halted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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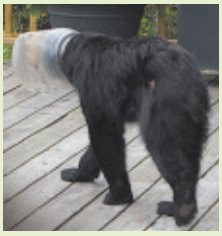

Like Winnie the Pooh?

ONTARIO. A hungry bear with a plastic jar stuck on its head had wildlife officials in northwestern Ontario scrambling yesterday to trap the elusive animal, while conservationists cried foul over recycling habits.

Ministry of Natural Resources officers feared it's the same bear spotted northeast of Thunder Bay two weeks ago in the same dilemma.

"He looks very emaciated. He's obviously lost some weight," said a ministry conservation officer. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Grandma backs teen's story

ABUSE? The grandmother of a Nova Scotia youth struggling with behavioural disorders says a provincial official was wrong to suggest yesterday that the boy has recanted allegations he was abused by staff at a treatment facility in Ontario.

She said the 15-year-old is sticking to his story that two staff members at the Bayfield facility in Consecon threw him to the floor, punched him in the ribs and kneeled on his throat — stopping his breathing for a moment. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Charges after child porn find

CRIME. A man from Orillia is facing charges for allegedly possessing and making child pornography. Richard Burnside, 52, is charged with possession of child pornography, making child pornography, and luring. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Guergis cleared, but PMO unmoved

Former Tory minister's husband, Rahim Jaffer, also cleared Neither commented on RCMP decision

The RCMP has found no evidence to warrant criminal charges against former cabinet minister Helena Guergis or her husband Rahim Jaffer — but the news yesterday wasn't enough to win her re-entry into the Conservative fold.

Guergis was pushed from cabinet, caucus and ultimately the Conservative nomination in her Ontario riding over allegations she had used her position to further the private business interests of Jaffer.

Jaffer, a former Tory MP, had been working with a Toronto venture capitalist who is currently facing fraud charges.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper referred the matter to the Mounties in late April, and said "pending resolution, she will sit outside the Conservative caucus." He also sent a letter to the parliamentary ethics commissioner.

Guergis' lawyer, Howard Rubel, said he received a call from the RCMP saying the force "had found nothing of substance, there turned out to be nothing worth looking into."

The Prime Minister's Office was unswayed by the RCMP's judgment, however, and said Guergis would not be allowed back into caucus. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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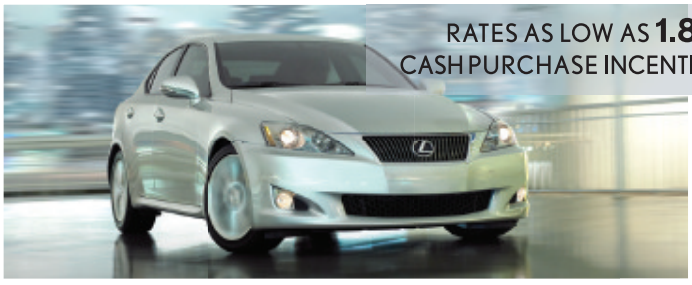
▶ The RCMP found no evidence to warrant criminal charges against former Conservative MP Helena Guergis.

Blacklisted?

PMO spokesperson Sara MacIntyre cited a list of issues surrounding Guergis and Jaffer, none of which were mentioned by the PM upon Guergis' ouster.

- "There were several factors, with respect to disclosure of her mortgage, as well as her husband's business dealings, and the use of her office, and BlackBerrys for business purposes," said MacIntyre.
- Guergis failed to disclose to the ethics and conflict of interest commissioner that she had a mortgage liability.
- The commissioner is currently examining whether she broke ethics rules when she wrote a letter of support for a businessman who had prior dealings with Jaffer.



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Confidentiality rules go too far, says Dawson

Ethics commissioner says restrictive rules about her work do not concern public interest

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Confidentiality rules around conflict-of-interest cases involving MPs go too far, says the parliamentary ethics commissioner.

Mary Dawson released her annual report yesterday on the conflict code for members of Parliament, but it contains few details.

In the year ended Mar. 31, 2010, Dawson completed four investigations into conflict issues with the results made public. In one of the four, the examination was discontinued because the code didn't apply.

She has an investigation underway into the actions of Helena Guergis and whether she was in a conflict when she sent a letter promoting a company that her husband, former MP Rahim Jaffer, was working to take public.

"The situation may sometimes lead the public ... to surmise that I do not take requests seriously."
MARY DAWSON, ETHICS COMMISSIONER

But Dawson explored taking on 13 other cases. "This situation may sometimes lead the public and members to surmise that I do not take requests seriously, or that I am favouring an individual or a party," Dawson wrote in the report.

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▶ Parliamentary ethics commissioner Mary Dawson released her annual report on the MP conflict code yesterday in Ottawa.

Dawson said the need for confidentiality should be balanced against the need for transparency, especially when information is already in the public domain.

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Bully show OK for TV

A Fredericton man has been dealt a blow in his campaign against a TV reality show that pits bullies against trained martial arts fighters for cash.

Rob Frenette, an anti-bullying activist, launched a complaint with the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council after watching an episode of Bully Beatdown on MTV Canada in April 2009.

The 21-year-old asked the council to investigate whether the program, which he said promotes violence as a solution to violence, was in violation of broadcasting standards.

But in a decision released yesterday, a council panel — which examined the episode Frenette watched — ruled no standards were breached.

Frenette said he was unhappy with the ruling and would be taking it to the CRTC.

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Bully Beatdown

MTV's popular show pits so-called bullies against mixed martial arts fighter Jason (Mayhem) Miller for a chance to win $10,000.

▶ **Survivor** The show was created by reality TV superproducer Mark Burnett, whose other forays into the genre include the famous Survivor series and Shark Tank.

Warrant issued for alleged sex offender

Hamilton police have issued an arrest warrant for a man accused of dozens of sexual offences against a young victim over several years.

Police say they started an investigation after the man contacted the daughter of the alleged victim.

The warrant for Gerald Graham Garrity, 54, of Hamilton, lists a total of 61 offences including multiple counts of sexual assault, sexual interference, sexual exploitation, invitation to sexual touching and exposure to a person under 16. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mom facing charge in child's death

A Pakistan-born mother accused of strangling to death her two young children with a wire was charged with one count of capital murder yesterday, police said.

Saiqa Akhter, 30, is being held in a Texas jail.

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Black released from prison

Former media baron had been behind bars for more than two years after being convicted of defrauding Hollinger Inc. of more than $6 million

A liberated Conrad Black will leave his Palm Beach, Fla., mansion to appear tomorrow before the judge who sent him to a federal prison in 2007, travelling to Chicago to have his bail conditions outlined for him after spending two years in the Florida jail.

Judge Amy St. Eve set a $2-million US bond for the onetime Canadian media baron yesterday, ordering him to come to Chicago to face the court.

Within hours of the bail hearing, Black was released from prison in Coleman, Fla., leaving the facility from a back exit and evading an assembled media horde.

The Canadian-born Black will now spend his time in the Palm Beach estate he reportedly sold and now rents from an investment firm.

Jacob Frenkel, a former U.S. federal prosecutor, said the quiet exit from jail isn't necessarily indicative of a newfound sense of humility from Black, but rather his determination to show maximum deference to the court.

Black had been behind bars for more than two years after being convicted of defrauding Hollinger Inc. of more than $6 million.

Earlier this week, the 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals granted Black's motion for bail following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that narrowed the scope of the "honest services" law that was central to his conviction.

The justices left it up to the lower court to decide whether the conviction should be overturned. That decision has yet to be made.

St. Eve, who presided over Black's trial and sentenced him to six and a half years, turned down a defence request yesterday that Black be allowed to travel to Canada, in particular to his home in Toronto. For now, she said, Black must remain in the U.S.

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"One thing the judge is concerned about is that Conrad Black not turn this into a circus, because there's still legal process. We are very likely to see a much more subdued Conrad Black recognizing that he may need to be back in front of Judge St. Eve."

JACOB FRENKEL, FORMER U.S. FEDERAL PROSECUTOR

Friend in high place posts $2M bail

People in prison usually don't have many friends. But one sure came through for Conrad Black on yesterday.

U.S. businessman, financier and conservative philanthropist Roger Hertog posted a $2-million US bond on his behalf to secure Black's bail yesterday. The disgraced former media baron was released from a Florida prison later in the day.

Hertog read and signed the bond order in a Chicago court after Judge Amy St. Eve outlined Black's bail conditions, which included remaining in the United States and not obtaining a passport.

Black and Hertog are roughly the same age, have homes in Palm Beach, Fla., and share many of the same conservative ideas and Wall Street connections. The two men had a business relationship.

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Conrad up close

A better look at former media baron Conrad Black.

- **Model prisoner** Conrad Black was, by all accounts, a model prisoner at Coleman, where he was one of 1,000 criminals, most of them convicted of drug or weapons offences.
- **Luxurious living** The former Canadian citizen was born into a life of luxury. He was known for a lavish lifestyle, including a $62,000 birthday party for his wife, Barbara Amiel Black, a swanky apartment on Park Avenue in New York, and a trip to Bora Bora that involved use of the company jet.
- **History buff** Black is also a renowned historian with an expansive vocabulary.

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The Conrad Black case: A timeline of some key events

Nov. 17, 2003: Black resigns as CEO of Chicago-based operating company Hollinger International amid rising shareholder complaints of mismanagement.

April 20: Black and Radler resign from Ravelston Corp., the private firm through which Black holds controlling stakes in the Hollinger companies, which files for bankruptcy protection and is placed in receivership.

Sept. 20: Radler pleads guilty to mail fraud and agrees to a 29-month prison sentence and a US$250,000 fine. He is to testify against others in the alleged fraud.

Jan. 11: Hollinger International sells the bulk of its remaining Canadian papers for C$121.7 million.

March 16: Radler agrees to a civil settlement with the SEC that will see him pay US$28.7 million and be banned for life from serving as an executive or board member of any public company in the United States.

July 13: Black found guilty of three counts of mail fraud and one count of obstruction of justice. Co-defendants each found guilty of three counts of mail fraud.

March 3, 2008: Black reports to Coleman Federal Correctional Complex in Coleman, Fla. to begin serving sentence.

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Jan. 21: Black forced out as chairman of Hollinger International.

Nov. 15: U.S. Security and Exchange Commission files fraud charges against Black and longtime deputy David Radler.

May 20: Black captured by security cameras removing 13 boxes from the company's headquarters in Toronto, in defiance of a court order.

Nov. 17: Black, and former Hollinger directors John Boultbee and Peter Atkinson charged with fraud.

Dec. 1: Black pleads not guilty and is released on US$20-million bond.

July 6: Toronto-based holding company Hollinger Inc. sues Black and associates for more than $700 million.

March 18: Trial of Black and three other defendants begins in Chicago.

June 27: Jury begins deliberations.

July 10: Judge instructs jury to return to their deliberations after they declare they are partially deadlocked.

December 10: Black sentenced to six and a-half years in jail, fined US$125,000 and ordered to forfeit US$6.1 million.

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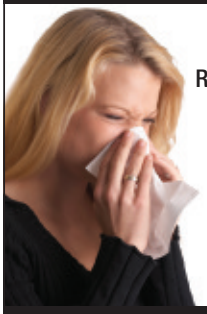

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Palestinans seek clarity on borders

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▶ Mahmoud Abbas.

Negotiations ended in 2008 No compromise on Jerusalem: Abbas

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas wants the U.S. to spell out its views on the borders of a Palestinian state before resuming negotiations with Israel, an adviser said yesterday, a condition Israel is unlikely to accept.

U.S. President Barack Obama's envoy, George Mitchell, has been mediating indirect talks for weeks, but no progress has been reported. Israel and the U.S. believe direct negotiations should resume, but the Palestinians are reluctant.

"We expect much pressure and hard days, but we will not go to negotiations like blind people."
MAHMOUD ABBAS, PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT

Abbas said Mitchell outlined Obama's views about the negotiations last week. Abbas was quoted as saying the U.S. president was vague on what constituted Palestinian territory.
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Leader avoids arrest

Sudan's president, who faces charges of genocide and crimes against humanity, travelled to neighbouring Chad yesterday — the first time he has risked arrest by travelling to a member state of the International Criminal Court.

Omar al-Bashir was first charged in connection with violence in Sudan's Darfur region in 2009. The ICC has no police force and depends on member states to enforce its orders.

Chadian officials said they would not detain al-Bashir.

Human Rights Watch urged Chad to arrest al-Bashir. "Chad risks the shameful distinction of being the first ICC member state to harbour a suspected war criminal from the court," said HRW's Elise Keppler.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New sanctions on North Korea

The Obama administration moved yesterday to push new sanctions against North Korea over its nuclear weapons program, as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Defence Secretary Robert Gates showed solidarity with South Korea during a visit to the area that separates it from the North.

Clinton announced the new measures — targeting the sale or purchase of arms and related goods used to fund the communist regime's nuclear activities, and the acquisition of luxury items to reward its elite — after she and Gates toured the heavily fortified border in a symbolic trip four months after the sinking of a South Korean warship blamed on the North.

Clinton said the North could win "the security and international respect it seeks" by stopping its provocative behaviour.
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"Our commitment to South Korea's security is steadfast"
ROBERT GATES, U.S. DEFENCE SECRETARY

EPA has doubts over pipeline

Documents released by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency show it is questioning the need for Trans-Canada's proposed Keystone XL pipeline, which would carry bitumen to American refineries from Alberta's oilsands. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cyclist hurt in crash with bus

A cyclist was taken to hospital in serious but stable condition after he collided with an Ottawa transit bus. Ottawa police say the male cyclist was riding the wrong way on a street around 7:15 p.m. Tuesday when he turned in front of the bus. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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StatsCan head becomes just another number

- Munir Sheikh resigns over long-form census kerfuffle
- Deep divide developed between Tories and agency

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Canada's chief statistician resigned yesterday over the Conservative government's decision to axe the long-form census, part of a spiralling political crisis that has pitted Stephen Harper's cabinet against the provinces, dozens of national organizations and now senior members of the public service.

Throughout the day, rumours had been brewing that longtime bureaucrat Munir Sheikh was preparing to resign as he met with Privy Council officials in downtown Ottawa. Sheikh abruptly cancelled a town-hall meeting on the census with anxious Statistics Canada employees earlier in the day.

Finally, in the early evening, Sheikh posted a news release on the Statistics Canada website. He made it clear that he could not defend the government's directive to take the 30-year-old long-form census to a voluntary survey.

Sheikh said he would not discuss the advice that he and the agency had given Industry Minister Tony Clement on the census issue, but it was clear there was a deep divide between the civil service and the Conservative cabinet over the issue.

"I want to take this opportunity to comment on a technical statistical issue which has become the subject of media discussion. This relates to the question of whether a voluntary survey can become a substitute for a mandatory census. It can not."
MUNIR SHEIKH

His predecessor, veteran statistics czar Ivan Fellegi, had said he, too, would have resigned had the government tried to eliminate the census.

Clement had said late last week that one of the recommended options of Statistics Canada was to replace the long-form census with a voluntary survey, mailing it out to more households to try to mitigate the impact on the data.

But sources within the agency said while Clement was given options, the voluntary survey route was not the recommended one.

The United States tried a similar experiment in 2003, but abandoned the idea when they saw how costly it would be to try to make up for lost data. Already, the federal government will spend $30 million to try to get Canadians to fill out a voluntary survey. Critics have said some groups are unlikely to fill out the form, including low-income Canadians and aboriginals.
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Finland. Visit

▶ Russian President Dmitry Medvedev with Finnish President Tarja Halonen share a laugh yesterday during the Russian leader's visit to the Scandinavian nation.

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Have visa, will not travel

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and Finnish President Tarja Halonen visit the Island of Seili on the Archipelago Sea yesterday during the second day of Medvedev's visit to Finland. Medvedev later urged the European Union to allow visa-free travel between his country and the 27-member bloc, arguing that free travel was a necessary part of closer ties.

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▶ U.S. President Barack Obama is all smiles yesterday as he signs his financial regulations bill.

Obama calls the reforms "the strongest consumer protections in history" Law aims to aid stability

Revelling in victory, U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday signed into law the most sweeping reform of financial regulations since the Great Depression, a package that aims to protect consumers and ensure economic stability from Main Street to Wall Street.

The law, pushed through mainly by Democrats in Washington's deeply partisan environment, comes almost two years after the infamous near financial meltdown in 2008 in the U.S. that was felt around the globe.

The legislation gives the government new powers to break up companies that threaten the economy, creates a new agency to guard consumers in their financial transactions, and puts more light on the financial markets that escaped the oversight of regulators.

Obama described them all as common sense reforms that will help people in their daily life — signing contracts, understanding fees, understanding risks. He went so far as to call the reforms "the strongest consumer protections in history." Obama added to a burst of applause: "Because of this law, the American people will never again be asked to foot the bill for Wall Street's mistakes."

Obama was joined by scores of consumer advocates, state and local government officials, business owners and executives, and members of Congress who supported the bill. Obama singled out for praise Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) and Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), who shepherded the bill through Congress.

In the midst of a heated mid-term election season for many legislators, Obama sought to put the law in consumer-oriented terms. He said it would help root out fine print and hidden fees for people, and provide deeper scrutiny of the financial transactions on Wall Street. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rolling in his grave

▶ In a note of irony, Obama signed the bill with great fanfare in the massive Ronald Reagan Building, named after a president who championed deregulation.

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Historic financial overhaul signed into law

▶ Farmer Robert Spooner was the subject of a video incriminating U.S. government official Shirley Sherrod.

Video sparks race debate

The Obama administration was scrambling yesterday to defuse a new racial furor, this one stemming from a video posted by a conservative website.

The administration dismissed a black U.S. Agriculture Department official after video excerpts were posted in which she appeared to acknowledge using race as a reason for not giving a white farmer as much help as she could have 24 years ago when she worked for a private organization. But the full video indicated those remarks were taken out of context and led to fresh calls for the reinstatement of the employee, Shirley Sherrod. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

▶ Darrell Issa

REPUBLICAN REACTION

Republicans portray the bill as a burden on small banks and the businesses that rely on them and argue it will cost consumers and impede job growth. Rep. Darrell Issa of California (R) called Obama's bill signing a "charade" that ignored the root causes of the financial crisis.
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▶ Computer-generated version of Douglas Hecker's container house for Haiti.

Shipping containers now featuring doctors

Pioneering clinic-in-a-container scheduled to arrive in Haiti soon

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Next week, shipping containers will arrive in Haiti, as they do every day. But in this case, one of the containers won't arrive carrying cargo: It's a new mini-clinic for patients in the disaster-struck nation.

"Shipping containers make perfect clinics," said Elizabeth Sheehan, director of Containers to Clinics, the Massachusetts-based organization behind the Haiti pop-up clinic. "They're easy to wash off and they don't rot in humid climates. And they're cheap. There are 10 million shipping containers that are not being used around the world."

Containers to Clinics' new Port-au-Prince clinic consist of two medium-sized shipping containers. One consists of two examination rooms, while the other one has a laboratory and a pharmacy.

"This will improve access to health care," said Sheehan. "A container can be set up anywhere."

Shipping containers may, in fact, be planet Earth's trendiest construction unit. London has funky container-based blocks with names like Container City, while companies use the lowly shipping tool for pop-up restaurants and hotels.

"Shipping containers are starting to become a very common form of construction," said Douglas Hecker, a professor of architecture at Clemson University.

Hecker belongs to an architect team that has designed shipping container homes for Haiti's many earthquake victims.

"The Caribbean is import-driven, and there are many aid deliveries, too," he said.

Even though container clinics can receive 100 patients per day, even a large delivery won't solve Haiti's health-care needs. According to UNICEF, 60 per cent of Haitians lack access to basic care.

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Grits seek probe into jets deal

- $16-billion plan angers Dosanjh
- Tories hit over no-bidding tactic

The federal Liberals are asking Parliament's budget watchdog to look into the Harper government's planned purchase of $16 billion worth of F-35 fighter jets.

"It appears the Harper government may be deliberately choosing not to save money at a time when it is running the largest deficit in Canadian history," Liberal defence critic Ujjal Dosanjh told budget chief Kevin Page.

Dosanjh says it's the latest in a series of defence purchases that went without competitive bidding.

He asked Page to look at practices in other countries.

"It appears the ... government may be deliberately choosing not to save money"
UJJAL DOSANJH

"I would like a comparative analysis of the costs and benefits," Dosanjh said.

The jets themselves will cost about $9 billion, with a 20-year maintenance package pushing the total cost to $16 billion.
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Giant firms blasted for 'inhuman' payouts

73 Garment makers have rebuffed workers and labour rights groups that asked for a monthly wage of $73.

Bangladesh's prime minister has blasted the garment industry for paying inhumanly low wages.

"The wages the workers are paid ... (are) not only insufficient but also inhuman," Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told parliament.

Wal-Mart, Tesco, H&M, Zara, Carrefour, Gap, Metro, JCPenney, Marks & Spencer, Kohl's, Levi Strauss and Tommy Hilfiger all import in bulk from Bangladesh.
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Top U.S. spy comes in from the cold

The CIA has brought one of its most experienced spies out of retirement to run the far-flung U.S. intelligence network.

John Bennett, 58, retired in May.
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John Bennett has "impeccable credentials," says CIA director Leon Panetta.

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An era ends as business icon Jack Irving dies

- He was 'the builder of the family,' N.B. premier says
- 'We enjoyed many happy years,' says brother James

One of New Brunswick's foremost business families is in mourning.

John E. (Jack) Irving died yesterday. He was 78.

Irving, the son of Irving Oil founder K.C. Irving, died in his hometown of Saint John following a brief illness.

"Today is a very sad day for me as we mourn the passing of my brother Jack," James K. Irving wrote in an email.

"Jack was a great brother and friend. We enjoyed many happy years growing up together — at home and in the business. He will be greatly missed."

New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham said: "For more than 50 years, Jack Irving was truly the builder of the family.

"He was responsible for the design and construction of the facilities that have made the Irving Group the presence it is in our region, from service stations and stores to oil terminals and countless other facilities."

He became a member of the Order of Canada for his list of achievements.

Outside of business, he established a reputation as a philanthropist who supported education, the arts and the restoration of heritage properties.

"He has left behind a shining legacy of business leadership and commitment to his province and his community," Graham said.

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The Irving saga

Even among the notoriously low-profile Irving family, Jack Irving was considered the most private.

- **In 1952,** at his father's request, he joined the family business and worked with brothers Arthur and James.
- **In 1982,** he was abducted by a lone gunman who demanded a $600,000 ransom. He was held hostage for 10 hours before police freed him.

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▶Things are going better for Coke ... to the tune of $2.37 billion US.

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Coke's sales are bubbling over

Coca-Cola Co.'s second-quarter net income climbed 16 per cent as the world's largest drink maker sold more soft drinks and juices in every part of the world except Europe. The company said it earned $2.37 billion US, or $1.02 per share in the three months ending July 2.

The Toronto stock market dropped to a triple-digit loss yesterday after U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke told U.S. Congress that the U.S. economic outlook remains "unusually uncertain."

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A CSeries surprise in the air?

Time is running out, but aerospace industry observers haven't totally given up hope that Bombardier will pull a rabbit out of its hat and close the Farnborough Airshow with a CSeries order surprise.

"If nothing is announced by tomorrow (Thursday) morning I would think that there's not going to be an order, but I don't want to write it off," said Cameron Doerksen of Versant Partners.

The Montreal-based company has reportedly refused to extinguish expectations, hinting to media at the air show near London, England, that a deal could still emerge.

"Any CSeries order would be well-received, whether it's today or tomorrow or next week," Doerksen said.

With more than $25 billion US of orders, the air show has been a success for manufacturers such as Boeing, Airbus and Embraer.

Bombardier has only contributed about $830 million US to that tally — $1 billion US if you include an order in the days leading up to the biennial event.

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Encana's bombshell: A $505-million loss

JEFF McINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Encana chief Randy Eresman: "We're gaining ground."

◗ Analysts had predicted Q2 profit of $162M ◗ But boss is optimistic

Natural gas giant Encana Corp., contradicting analysts' forecasts, reported a $505-million net loss in the second quarter.

That amounts to 68 cents per share and compares with a year-earlier profit of $92 million or 32 cents per share.

Three analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters had predicted a net profit of more than $165 million for the Calgary-based company in the quarter.

President and CEO Randy Eresman was optimistic nevertheless.

"Our production is ahead of target and we are gaining ground on costs through continual optimization programs that help us pursue our cornerstone goal of being the industry's lowest-cost producer," Eresman declared.

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So I had to look on foot instead. The manila envelope holding my resumés felt like a badge of shame, an adult dunce cap or a modern-day Scarlet Letter. People could tell I was behind on my debt payments, I was sure of it.

The first place I tried in person was a hospital, and the first words out of my mouth were — this is true — "I'm on the street looking for work. Can you help me?"

They seemed less than intrigued.

Understand that I come from New Brunswick, where job searches involve walking into places and saying, "I'd like to work here." Employers respond with hardball questions such as, "Your mom's name is Margie, right?" (Don't tell anyone, but I had my answer prepped for that one and always got it right.)

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Now I live in Toronto, where most of the interviews involve a tired-looking recruiter sitting next to a stack of resumés the size of the late Gary Coleman and hitting me with a long string of hypothetical and ethical questions. For example: "If you were on shift and your supervisor was asleep, but he had told you specifically not to wake him, and the supervisor was YOUR DAD, what would you do?"

"My dad's name is Bob," I'd reply. "Do you know him?"

After a couple months of this I started to wear down. But then I broke through and found a great job.

If you look at it one way, I stuck with it even through the dark times and proved to myself I can do whatever I set my mind to.

In another, more accurate way, I got a job without an interview and at a place where my boss knows my mom. Remember: If you're looking for work, her name is Margie.

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BEVERLEY SMITH-JERVIS

CALGARY. If I won $2,500 I would spend it by taking my kids to the zoo, going to the Calgary Tower and busing it and C-Training it to all the sites I can show my kids. I would also get a camera to show everyone the good times my kids and I had going around town.
CLAUDETTE GRAHAM

EDMONTON. I know this sounds boring, but I am going into my last year of school to acquire my human resources degree. If I won $2,500 I would use the money to cover my last year of schooling.
SHAENNA BOHNET

TORONTO. I will pay off mine and my wife's Visa bills and treat my kids to some fun. Then put some toward appliances for our new home, which we are moving into in a few months. Simple and sweet.
RICHARD SANICHARA

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▶ Sandy (Olivia Newton-John) dances with Danny (John Travolta) in a still from the classic musical Grease, which is coming out in sing-a-long version

Interactive films let audiences act out

Participatory film has a long history in independent theatres across the country New sing-a-long version of Grease lets fans belt out hits

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When the special sing-a-long version of Grease opens this Friday in select markets, it'll give fans of the super-cheesy 1978 musical a chance to dress up as their favourite characters and belt out the hits with the help of onscreen subtitles.

But while the official Grease Sing-A-Long may be having its Canadian premiere, participatory films are hardly a new phenomenon. Such screenings are business as usual at a number of independent theatres across the country.

Ottawa's 78-year-old Mayfair Theatre is one example of a cinema that actively promotes audience interaction with certain titles.

"We encourage people to leave their cellphones on, stop sitting on their hands and go a little bit nuts" says Lee Demarbre, a well-known indie filmmaker (Jesus Christ Vampire Hunter) who also works as one of the Mayfair's programmers. "The idea of getting together in a big group and watching something that you love is very appealing to our fans."

"Even if it's a bad, scratchy print. It's a lot of fun"
LEE DEMARBRE

The audience talk-back phenomenon probably began with 1975's The Rocky Horror Picture Show, a film explicitly designed to cultivate a cult following. Alex Chisholm, who works for the Rio Theatre in Vancouver acknowledges that Rocky is a staple but also tries to mix things up a little bit. The theatre's recent midnight-movie selections include the so-bad-it's-good melodrama The Room and also The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly — a '60s Western widely considered to be a true classic.

"Some of these films aren't what you'd call traditionally 'call-and-response'-type titles," he says. "We like trying things out in that Roman Coliseum atmosphere. We give out a discount for best costume, so for (The Good, The Bad and the Ugly) we had 250 cowboys wandering around, cat-calling Clint (Eastwood). "

expanding demand

- The Grease Sing-A-Long has been marketed extensively using social media: fans across North America vote online to bring the film to their city.
- Paramount previously used this strategy to open the 2009 horror film Paranormal Activity. They issued an open challenge: if the film received one million votes on eventful.com it would get a nationwide release. It did, and ended up grossing more than $100 million worldwide, making it the biggest indie-horror hit since The Blair Witch Project.

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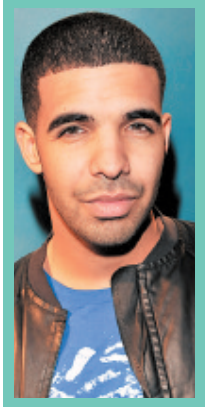

Drake's not going to let his Canadian citizenship keep him out of the White House. The Toronto rapper and former Degrassi star says he'd be interested in returning to his acting roots to portray U.S. President Barack Obama in a future biopic.
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▶ Titus' new show Neverlution tackles society's ills one obese child at a time

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But what's REALLY the root of all our problems?

"It's our own behaviour," says the 45-year-old Californian.

The former star of TV's Titus is turning his searing wit on society's ills in his new show Neverlution.

The idea sprang from his observations with one particular obese kid.

"The kid was the grand marshall riding the fudge float in the juvenile diabetes parade," Titus said. "The kid was swearing at his dad and I just thought, 'Wow, we're losing control of the world.'

"We're going to turn the planet over to these little bastards which means we're all going to be living on a burning cinder."

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More than meets the eye

Not just comics at world's largest convention Marvel Comic flicks set the stage for adaptations with Thor, Captain America and Avengers

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Hollywood is set to descend once again on San Diego for Comic-Con, an annual five-day event that's become the de facto epicenter for sneak previews of upcoming movies and TV shows, whether they have anything to do with comic books or not.

Several upcoming comic book adaptations are fighting it out for fanboy attention, including next year's Green Lantern with Ryan Reynolds as the famous DC Comics hero. Metro will be in San Diego all week to report on the announcements, parties and general insanity that is Comic-Con.

Marvel Comics has the most movie adaptations presenting at the convention, with star-studded panels packed for Thor and Captain America, which are currently in production.

Fans also expect to hear updates on the Avengers, the planned film to unite those two characters with Iron Man, the Hulk and others.

Though Robert Downey Jr. is set to reprise his Iron Man role in the film, Marvel had a very public falling out earlier this month with Edward Norton, who will not return as the Hulk for the team-up film. Insiders predict Marvel will use Comic-Con as an opportunity to announce who will take on the part next.

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At least one movie being presented at the convention has a direct link to the event: Shaun of the Dead star Simon Pegg will present details about Paul, a film about two geeks who meet an alien on their way to Comic-Con.

A notable absence will be anything related to the Twilight.

Though fans of the series hit Comic-Con last year en masse, Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner won't be showing up this year. Breaking Dawn, won't be out until November 2011.

▶Scott Pilgrim vs. the World starring Michael Cera will be featured at this year's Comic-Con.

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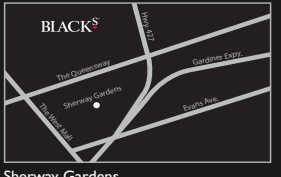

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▶ Uma Thurman is out for revenge in Kill Bill after assassins try to kill her on her wedding day

Tough actresses know how to put up a good fight

Jolie reconfirms her niche for action flicks with Salt But five others have fought to the finish

Angelina Jolie plays an indestructible CIA officer accused of being a Russian spy in Salt. The role allows her to do so much of what she does so well: kick butt and look impossibly sexy doing it.

Following the Tomb Raider movies, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Wanted, Salt solidifies her standing as the most alluring and reliable female action star working today.

Jolie truly has carved out her own niche. But many actresses before her have shaken things up as intensely as the big boys, and with a bit of feminine flair:

Sigourney Weaver made a reputation for herself as fierce in Aliens. But part of the allure of the performance is that she didn't start out as a bad-ass: She transformed herself into one out of sheer survival and a ferocious protective instinct.

In the 1979 original, directed by Ridley Scott, Weaver means business but she isn't quite the killing machine she turns into under James Cameron's direction in part two.

Nobody would mess with Sarah Conner in Terminator 2: Judgment Day, played by Linda Hamilton. James Cameron does know how to get indelible performances out of strong women. Similar to Weaver, Hamilton's also already pretty formidable as Sarah Connor in the original Terminator from 1984.

But that early shot in the sequel of her doing pull-ups in the state hospital – those sinewy biceps pulsating with each repetition – is just a frightening sight to behold. Humans, cyborgs ... why would anyone be foolish enough to mess with her? The fact that she's a mother adds another appealing layer to her character.

Uma Thurman has instinct that leads her down the trail of death and destruction in Kill Bill movies as the bride aka Beatrix Kiddo. The Bride is primarily out for revenge against her fellow assassins who tried to kill her on her wedding day. Her knock-down, drag-out trailer fight against Daryl Hannah is a doozy, but she's just as capable of taking on a pack of 100 samurai-sword wielding thugs.

Quentin Tarantino's films are, of course, hugely stylish homages to the genres he loves, but since he and Thurman crafted the role together, it also feels personal.

Choosing Michelle Yeoh and Zhang Ziyi in Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: might be a bit of a cheat to pick both actresses. But they're so intrinsically intertwined, it's impossible to separate them.

They need and feed off each other — each is the other's equal. They're both strong and feminine, beautiful and intelligent, athletic and crafty. And their fight scenes are lush and hypnotic

And Jane Fonda was ferocious in Barbarella. Sure, go ahead and laugh. But you can only imagine how difficult it is to operate a laser gun effectively while dressed in go-go dominatrix gear. The boots alone would make it tough to run and chase bad guys.

This wasn't exactly considered a "good" movie when it came out, but it's cultivated a certain kitschy charm. Fonda, under the direction of her then-husband Roger Vadim, was all hair and legs and campy sex appeal as a futuristic, intergalactic warrior goddess.

There was even talk about Grindhouse co-director, Robert Rodriguez, doing a remake.

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▶ Toronto resident Yannick Bisson, who stars in Murdoch Mysteries, is a familiar face thanks to his CIBC commercials.

Commercial work a boon for Canadian actors

Ontario's Linda Kash has a heavenly gig But some actors fear attaching their face to a brand

Linda Kash has a heavenly acting gig.

As the impish angel with the handsome manservant in Kraft's Canadian Philadelphia Cream Cheese TV commercials, she's been a familiar face for viewers for the past 16 years — and had a steady paycheque the whole time.

Such a scenario is rare in this country's acting community, she explains.

"I'm well aware that as an actor in Canada, this has been very, very good for me," says Kash, a Montreal native who lives in Cavan, Ont., and has appeared on a slew of series, including Seinfeld.

"Because it's given me recognition that isn't harmful; it has given me, as an actor, income that I can more or less count on or that I have been able to count on, which is kind of unheard of."

Murdoch Mysterie star Yannick Bisson is also finding similar perks with his long-running national commercial campaign.

As a spokesman for CIBC, he's starred in several of their TV and radio spots and his smiling face is plastered all over CIBC posters and on instant-teller screens.

"It's a little more than I bargained for but I couldn't be happier," says Bisson, who hails from Montreal and lives in Toronto.

"The benefits are six zeroes - no, I'm kidding, it's great. It does definitely put you in a different place in your career."

But while some Canadian actors say commercial work pays the rent, others counter that it's not worth the risks.

Toronto native David James Elliott says if you're not a big name and you're just doing a one-off ad, the experience can be a turnoff.

"I was like the commercial king in Toronto before I moved to Los Angeles," explains Elliott, who was known as "the Molson Dry guy" before he made it big on the series JAG.

These days, he stars on Scoundrels.

"I stopped doing them when I went onto Street Legal because you'd go on these sets and they'd just treat you like a piece of meat with no respect at all and I went, 'You know what? I don't need this anymore, thankfully, and I don't want to be a part of them,'" he says.

Then there's the lack of control over what a commercial will look like.

"They come and they go but while they're there, everybody remembers it," Kash said.

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TV Picks

Intense Indie concert

ROCK OUT. Arctic Monkeys: Live at the Apollo is said to be one of the most intense concerts ever delivered by the English indie rockers. Filmed in Manchester during the band's acclaimed 2007 world tour, the show features 20 tunes, including "I Bet You Look Good on the Dance Floor." (Sundance Channel). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Heart pulsing

DRAMA. Andy's life is in danger once again on Rookie Blue. This time it happens during a home invasion in an upscale neighbourhood. As the cops leave the scene, believing they've resolved the situation, they leave Andy behind, who eventually runs into the hiding thief. (Global) THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Coco Sumner emerges from shadow of father

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▶ Coco Sumner

She is Sting's daughter and on the brink of becoming a fashion icon. But Coco Sumner doesn't want to talk about either of these subjects. And I know this because her PR has warned me not to broach either subject.

Coco Sumner has just turned 20-years-old and her career is taking off. In October her debut album The Constant is released. She's had the help of Swedish music producer Klas Åhlund who has previously worked with Madonna, Britney Spears and Robyn. Robyn is also featured on Coco's single Caesar.

"I recorded the album in Stockholm and there will definitely be more collaborations with Klas Åhlund," she tells Metro.

Sumner's summer has been filled with festival gigs and a U.K. tour, soon she'll have a vacation in Stockholm. In August she'll play the Way-Out West festival in Gothenburg.

"People are skeptical of me and my music because I have a famous father. And that's why it's important for me that I get to talk about myself in interviews," Sumner explains.

I ask if it's more difficult to be taken seriously because of her famous father. "Yes, I believe so. It's a challenge to get people to listen to my music because it's me and not because where I come from."

When the album is released in October Sumner will get the chance to show what she can do.

"It feels really exciting. And I'm a little nervous about how it will be received. But I think it will be fine."

All about Coco

1. Name: Coco Sumner
2. Age: 20
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▶ The Zac Brown Band's Foundation is No. 2 on the Billboard country chart

Highly anticipated Zac Brown Band album coming soon

▶ Frontman says Get What You Give is 'going to be amazing' ▶ Group won Grammy for best new artist

The Foundation, the major-label debut of the Zac Brown Band, was something special with more than 2 million copies sold and four No. 1 country singles.

Zac Brown says that was nothing compared to what's on the way.

The Atlanta band will release it's highly anticipated new studio album, You Get What You Give, on Sept. 21, and Brown said it's "going to be amazing."

"Every step of it's done the right way and I expect people are really going to love this record and see the depth of our musicianship," Brown said. "We're always growing. Not that we've arrived at any grand finale or anything, but the progress from this last record to this one, it's tremendous and I'm proud of it."

The Foundation remains at No. 2 on the Billboard country albums chart 86 weeks into its release. During the album's slow ride to the top based on the strength of songs like Toes and Chicken-Fried and a live show hailed in all quarters, the band has slowly gained a reputation for genre-defying music. The group won the Grammy for best new artist this year.

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Arcade Fire to stream August MSG gig

Arcade Fire is inviting all their fans worldwide to an upcoming gig at Madison Square Garden.

The Montreal indie-rockers have announced that the Aug. 5 concert will be streamed live on YouTube.

A rep for the band confirmed on Wednesday that the show will in fact be accessible to Canadian fans on the video-sharing website.

The band will release their third album, The Suburbs, on Aug. 3. The album will come with eight different — though fairly similar — covers.

Some of the new material will be familiar to Canadian fans after the band recently performed a round of hastily announced gigs in select locations.

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Crow blends soul, country

Sheryl Crow
Album: 100 Miles from Memphis
Label: A&M/Universal
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Sheryl Crow has covered a lot of ground in her nearly two decades of making music, but she's yet to tackle soul in a serious way.

Her latest attempts to do that, evoking Al Green style sounds complete with wild horns and booming choirs. She's not the new Sharon Jones though — this is soul done Crow's way. While the songs definitely sound soulful, they're performed through the eyes of pop and country star.

Opener Our Love is Fading sees the Missouri-born songstress wail in a way she hasn't done before, but you can still hear the twang in her voice. That's not a bad thing, it would have been silly if she just copied R&B straight up — and it works for the most part. Summer Day is pleasantly groovy with '60s organs, a funky riffs and catchy pop hook for the chorus. Eye to Eye is the most interesting track here, it's actually a reggae number, which sounds strange on a first listen, but the laid back chorus is grower. It's not Crow's best record, but, as always with her, you're getting a reliable artist who's not afraid to mix things up now and again.

Outstanding track: Summer Day

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Prince
Album: 20Ten
Label: NPG
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Prince has never been just another cog in the music machine. From his massive hits, to changing his name to a symbol, to embracing the Internet, then calling it dead and finally releasing his latest record in U.K.'s Daily Mail, you never know what he'll do next. So it's disappointing that 20Ten doesn't push any boundaries. The music is very '80s — there's the peppy TV show theme song sounding Compassion, a run of the mill R&B track in Future Soul Song and the list goes.

Outstanding track: Compassion

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Kim Beggs
Album: Blue Bones
Label: Black Hen
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If Kim Beggs was making music when Joni Mitchell and Neil Young were getting their starts, this Yukon-based singer would be huge. Instead she's part of an underappreciated group of folk musicians. Hopefully that will change with her third record, which is loaded with touching country folk tunes. Lyrics about loss, the north and searching for oil are backed by smooth slide guitars, delicate acoustics and rich harmonies.

Outstanding track: Maiden Heart

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Eamon McGrath
Album: Peace Maker
Label: White Whale Records
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Power punk folk from the prairies played with the ragged passion of early Crazy Horse. When Edmonton street poet Eamon McGrath shifts into full gear he can sound like Tom Waits swallowing broken glass. But there are also tender moments like acoustic track Ice Breaker that melt your soul. This is McGrath's second indie disc and it shows a prolific songwriting talent bursting with a dark creative force.

Outstanding track: Cut Knife City Blues

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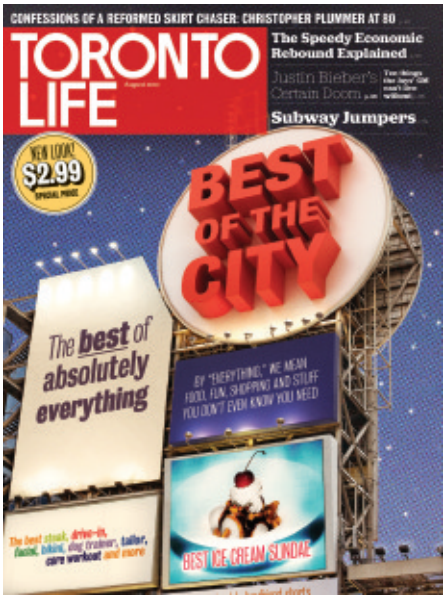

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LiLo has no quick comeback after jail

Short stay in slammer, but actress required to undergo three months of inpatient rehab

Lindsay Lohan's time in jail will be short, but her time away from the public eye will be much longer.

Sheriff's officials say the actress will spend only about two weeks of a 90-day sentence in jail. But her brief time in an isolation cell that has housed other celebrities such as Paris Hilton and Michelle Rodriguez is just one element of her sentence.

Once Lohan is released in August, she is required to report to probation officials within a day. She has also been ordered to spend three months at an inpatient rehab.

That portion of her sentence won't be trimmed like her jail stint by credits for good behaviour.

``It's a straight 90 days,'' prosecutor Danette Meyers said yesterday.

The result is that the ``Mean Girls'' and ``Georgia Rules'' star will be unavailable until late this year to start filming her portrayal of porn actress Linda Lovelace in a biopic. She will be equally unavailable to promote her role as a gun-toting nun in Robert Rodriguez's ``Machete,'' which marks her return to the big screen in September.

It amounts to lost time for the once-promising actress, whose movements have been restricted since she missed a court date in May. It remains to be seen whether Lohan can replicate a post-jail rebound similar to Michelle Rodriguez, who had a prominent role in last year's blockbuster ``Avatar'' and appears in ``Machete.''

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He's hot and a humanitarian, Clooney may be perfect man

George Clooney will be recognized for his humanitarian efforts at the Emmy Awards.

The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences will present the 49-year-old actor with its Bob Hope Humanitarian Award at the ceremony next month.

Clooney is being honoured for the Hope for Haiti U.S. TV special, which is nominated for an Emmy award, and his efforts to raise funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina and raise awareness about genocide in Darfur.

John Shaffner, chairman and chief executive of the TV academy, said Clooney was "an obvious choice" for the award because he used the power of television to move people to act.

Clooney is the fourth recipient of the honour and will receive the award Aug. 29.

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Hurray, Goslins' kids can work ... oh, wait

Pennsylvania's labour department is defending its decision to issue work permits to Kate Gosselin's sextuplets for the reality show Kate Plus 8.

A statement from the Department of Labor & Industry says the children are not being "unlawfully exploited" by the filming at their home in Wernersville.

Labour officials said yesterday the permits protect the children from working too many hours and ensure they receive earnings from the TLC show.

Murt maintains the permits are illegal. He says the labour department must seek a ruling from the attorney general.

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Talking points

A tea by any other name

TASTE OF GAGA? Tea company Twinings is determined to get into business with Lady Gaga and have even started working on a special blend of tea inspired by the singer, according to the Sun. "Her management have received a load of offers from major tea companies, but Twinings are the frontrunners," a source says. "They want to launch a new tea with her face on it. Names like the Taste Of Gaga are being batted about. The idea is to have tasting sessions in which she would participate." Gaga is reportedly a huge fan of the hot beverage, having a cup with every performance.

Hey, when you're hot ...

NO SURPRISE Megan Fox isn't having trouble finding work after her falling out with Transformers director Michael Bay. She's reportedly close to closing a deal to appear in Eminem's new video for the song Love the Way You Lie, which also features Rihanna, according to E! News.

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Megan Fox

Celebrity tweets

Justin Bieber [@justin bieber] alot of u keep saying i dont do flirty tweets anymore

Lance Bass [@lance bass] I mean, I know Mel Gibson has issues - but radar online makes me sick the way they are exploiting those tapes. It's none our business!

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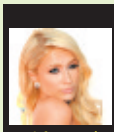

Paris Hilton [@Paris Hilton] The best things in life aren't things.

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Strong women freak him out

Robert Pattinson admits he's intimidated by Twilight co-star and rumored girlfriend Kristen Stewart, which can make for an awkward workplace, he says.

"Kristen is always really good but also clearly speaks her mind. That can be a bit uncomfortable. After we shoot a scene she sometimes looks at the director and says, 'Let's do that again,'" he says, according to Hollyscoop.

"If I did that she would probably kill me! She would probably say something like, 'Shut up! The scene was perfect!'"

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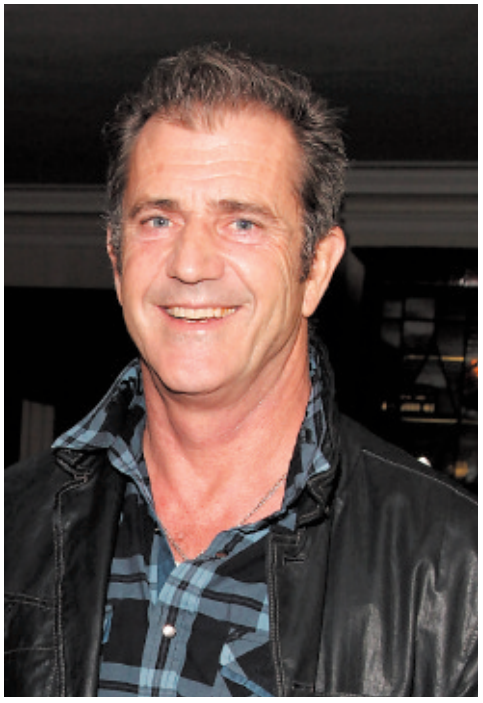

Gibson claims extortion

Detectives looking into academy award winner's allegation against ex

Sheriff's detectives in Los Angeles are checking extortion allegations against Mel Gibson's ex-girlfriend.

Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says the agency is looking into whether Russian singer Oksana Grigorieva may have tried to extort the Academy Award-winner.

He declined to offer any other details on the inquiry.

Detectives earlier this month interviewed Grigorieva after she claimed Gibson abused her during an incident in January.

A spokesman for Grigorieva declined comment Wednesday.

Gibson and Grigorieva are locked in a bitter custody dispute over their infant daughter.

No arrests have been made, and neither has been charged with any crimes.

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Fear not, Swift releasing third album this fall

Taylor Swift will release her third album, Speak Now, worldwide on Oct. 25.

She announced it to her fans yesterday through a live web chat.

It's been two years since Swift released her sophomore album Fearless. She says, "You've got to give yourself a little bit of time to live a lot of things so you can write about a lot of things."

Swift explains that the title, Speak Now, is the theme, and that "track by track, each song is a different confession to a different person.

She wrote all 14 tracks herself. The first single, Mine, will be released Aug. 16. Swift also plans to launch a world tour following the release.

Fearless was the top-selling album of 2009 and earned Swift every major award, including four Grammys.

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Stalker hunting Jen

Jennifer Aniston is the latest Hollywood star to have to deal with a stalker. Jason Peyton, an " obsessed, mentally ill and delusional stalker with a history of violence and criminal stalking," was found prowling near Aniston's home with a sharp object, a bag, an a roll of duct tape, according to TMZ.

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More Palin drama

When Levi Johnston and Bristol Palin tie the knot, there may be one notable absence: The mother of the bride. Sarah Palin is refusing to attend the planned celebration, according to Popeater. "Everyone would kill to get an invite … It's just too bad that her mother has refused to attend. Although I can't say I blame her after everything that boy has put her through," a source says.

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Bieb still their tween hearts

Four-time NBA champion Shaquille O'Neal has found a worthy new adversary: Sixteen-year-old Canadian pop singer Justin Bieber. The teen idol will appear in the next season of Shaq Vs, which will debut Aug. 3 on CTV. The reality show features the seven-foot-one, 325-pound O'Neal taking on various celebrities and athletes at their chosen professions. O'Neal will also take on comedians Penn and Teller, boxer Shane Mosley and NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr.

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How to wear beige

Nude, beige, taupe, mushroom, tan, whatever you want to call it, there's no escaping the sensible colour for summer and fall. Here's how to give the potentially boring trend some oomph.

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Play with tonality

It's a colour that brings to mind 1980s rayon dresses found in thrift stores and your mom's old 1980s power suits.

Increase the youth factor by working in other neutral tones like cream and blush (another key colour of the season) the way Stella McCartney did for her spring/summer '10 collection.

It gives the beige trend a hint of the unexpected.

Just be very careful in your choice of colors. Pick the wrong palette for your skin tone and you'll looked washed out or ashy.

Fully commit to it

Head-to-toe beige can look perfectly chic in a 1970s kind of way. The key to pulling the full-on tan look off is the silhouette. Go for a slightly golden version of the color in a loose, easy silhouette like the Chloé look pictured. Let your bag and shoes give the outfit a pop of colour.

Limit it to your accessories

If the colour doesn't work with your complexion, don't force it. Experiment with the trend through accessories instead, using a great beige handbag or shoe to tone down a vibrant primary coloured dress, blouse or trouser.

News in brief

This summer, Birkenstock sandals are back with a vengeance. And they're not just for the older gent, as younger men appear to be proudly sporting them the world over. Pictured: Birskenstock, $70, birkenstock.com.

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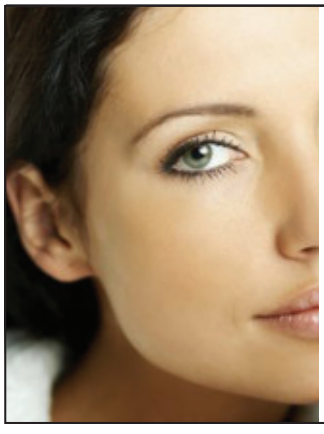
Find out how David Yurman took an unconventional route to jewelry world



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Tip your hats off to headwear

It's time to know your trilbys from your Panamas. After surfacing all over the runways and the city streets, hats have become an unavoidable men's trend. Here is a look at the season's best.

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Classic hats such as the panama and the trilby can be a great centerpiece for an outfit that gives men a certain aplomb and refinement. Trilbys and panamas were also at the center of many of the men's spring/summer '10 shows.
We take a look at some of the season's best offerings (pictured above).

How-to

THE WAY TO WEAR THEM

"Hat wearing is always the choice of the wearer. Wear a trilby at a different angle — tilted back to look nonchalant and relaxed, straight to look sharp and clean cut or angled to the side for a different mood again," says Janet Taylor.

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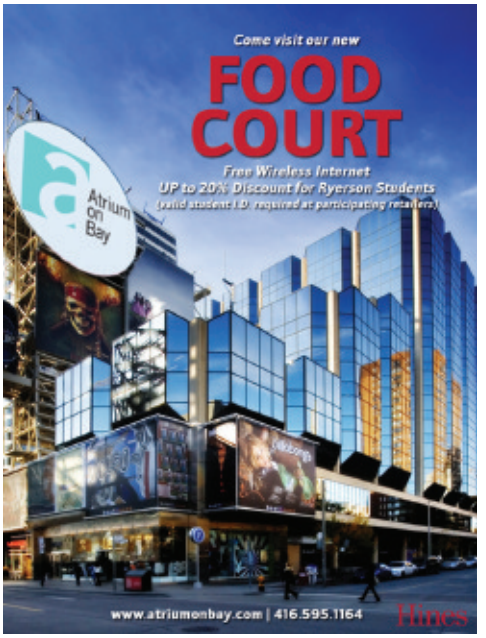

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▶ Alexander Wang winner of the Swarovski Award for Accessory Design poses during the 2010 CFDA Awards.

New line and store on horizon for Wang

U.S. designer recalls fashion disaster while dabbling in trends as a kid

At 26, Alexander Wang has made a rapid ascent in the style ranks, racking up A-list fans and accolades for his cool, edgy creations along the way.

But when first dabbling in crafting his own custom designs as a child, his execution didn't quite match up with his levels of ambition and enthusiasm.

Wang recalled being in sixth or seventh grade when he first tried to sew himself a pair of pants.

"It was horrible. I wore it to school the next day and the whole thing kind of ripped apart on me in class," he said, laughing in an interview Wednesday at Holt Renfrew prior to an in-store appearance in support of his pre-fall and fall collections.

"It was a very embarrassing moment, but I always like telling that story because that was a self-taught lesson on how not to make your own pattern."

The San Francisco-born designer's sartorial skills and style savvy have clearly come a long way within a short time. Wang moved to New York at age 18 to attend the Parsons School of Design, landing internships with the likes of Teen Vogue and designer Marc Jacobs.

By his sophomore year, Wang was already designing the first collection for his eponymous label, and launched his full women's line in 2007, selling to more than 200 stores.

With footwear, handbag, eyewear and ready-to-wear collections already part of his burgeoning brand, Wang is now forging ahead with the launch of a stand-alone store, slated to open in his home base of New York by year's end.

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Men's picks

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From square to sensational

Now that the sun has returned – with a vengeance! – from a two-year hiatus, you can finally show off those sexy summer scarves Step up your warm-weather wardrobe with this guide on how to 'tie one on'!

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Unlike their wintry counterparts, summer scarves are a lighter, brighter and more versatile accessory.

"You can do so much more with your summer scarf," says Holt Renfrew fashion buyer Shelly Wertheim. "There are so many different weights and fabrications … It gives you an opportunity to play with colours and prints and embellishments, and you can easily take them from day to night."

But once you get that gorgeous gingham print home, what on earth do you do with it?

Here are five ways to take your summer scarf from simply square to sensational.

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1

Colour Shock

Much like shoes and bags, scarves can give your look an unconventional pop of colour. By pairing your cute little sundress with a splash of bright pink, green, red, or even orange, you can make a bold statement without taking a huge fashion risk. Try playing bright colours off each other; mixing hues that would otherwise stay on opposite ends of the closet.

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Garden Party

Be the fairest flower in the garden by draping yourself in a long, sheer, chiffon scarf. Start by lightly bunching the material and throwing the scarf backward around your neck, so the ends fall down your back. Pull the ends forward over your shoulders so they drape down your chest. Then gently loosen the loop around your neck.

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3

Work & Play

Who says you need to remove your outerwear at the office? "The summer scarf is always more fashion over function," says Wertheim. "You wear your winter scarf to keep warm, and then take it off inside. But the summer scarf is really part of your wardrobe all day." Try wrapping a silk neckerchief in a thick loop around your neck a few times over, so that your neck fully swathed.

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4

Euro Chic

Look like you've been abruptly beamed in from the French Riviera by tying your scarf firmly around the neck. For added effect, nonchalantly toss one end behind your shoulder for that wind-whipped I'm-on-a-boat look, and maintain a perpetually startled expression as though you can't figure out how you suddenly ended up on the streets of Toronto.

5

Night Moves

Going home to change after work is a waste of precious cocktail time. Take off your jacket and wrap your scarf around your shoulders like a stylish shawl. The lighter fabric won't look too overpowering, but will still keep you warm if the night gets chilly.

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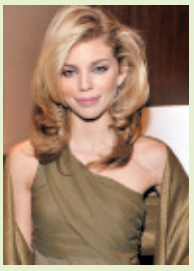

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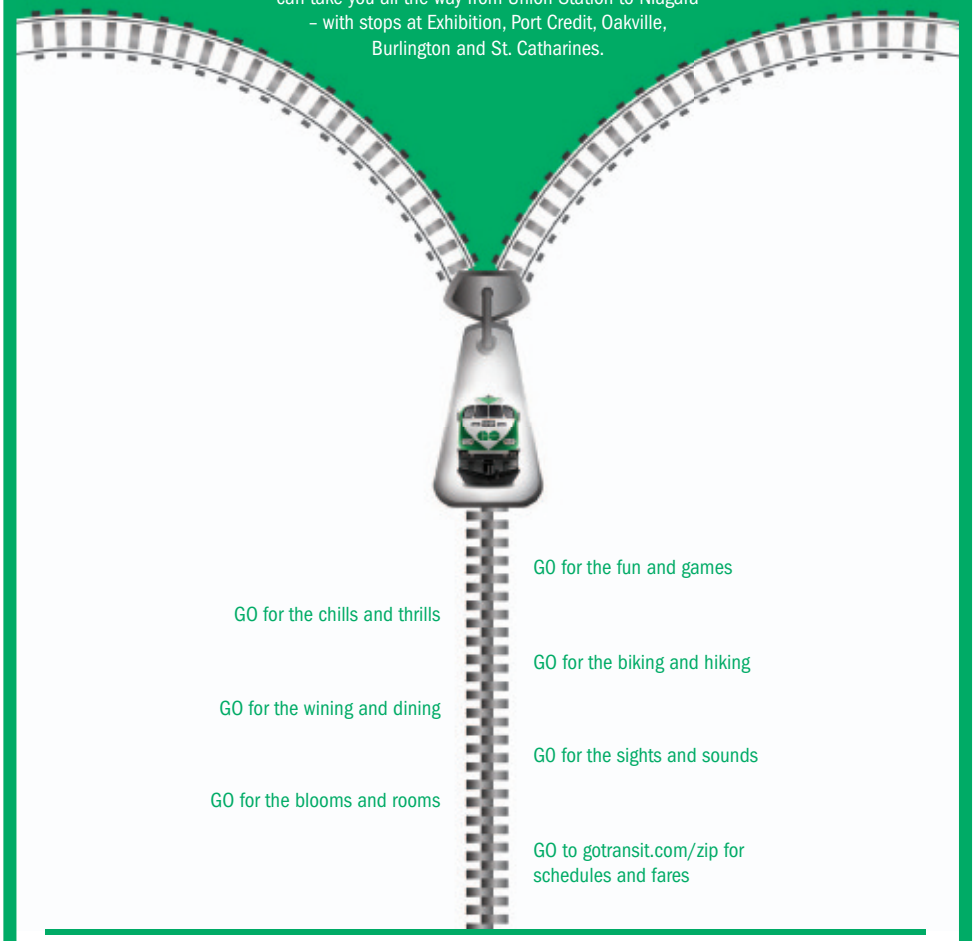

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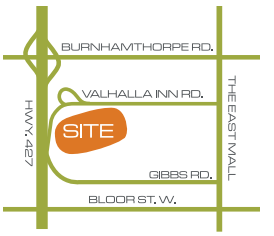

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Urban living takes hold in the model suite at Metro Place Where clean lines and modern details build a space that just feels right

With a neutral base to start, designer Brent Zavitski made liberal use of strong colour in the accents and accessories at Metro Place.

Finally, a suite that doesn't shy away from colour

SUITE TALK

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The Sheppard Avenue West & Allen Road development Metro Place focuses on neutral tones touched up with bold accents.

Interior designer Brent Zavitski went for a striking approach in the three-bedroom model suite that melds simple contrasts together for an ultra-modern look geared to an urban lifestyle.

"I tried to stick to a monochromatic colour scheme with blacks, whites and greys combined for cooler tones. It's definitely an urban aesthetic with very clean lines and modern finishes, kind of geared towards a modern, urban hipster," Zavitski said.

"What I always try to do is to keep the permanent fixtures neutral and add colours through the details and accessories — it gives you the ability to change things season to season. By adding that little bit of colour it really brightens up the whole space."

BRENT ZAVITSKI

Of course a neutral base doesn't have to be devoid of colour, so Zavitski made liberal use of bright, strong colours throughout the suite in accessories and little artistic touches — the goal was to give the space life while making it easy to change the look if needed.

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For flooring, Zavitski made an environmentally conscious choice to go with a dark, recycled wood that adds a natural beauty to the overall suite while remaining easy to maintain and comfortable to walk on.

The kitchen features European-style cabinetry, ceramic tile backsplashes and granite countertops while in the living room Zavitski played with lighter tones by inserting a white leather couch and thin, white dining chairs and transparent coffee and dining tables.

"I used the glass and chrome tables because they definitely create a lot of reflection and the appearance of more space because you can see through them," he said.

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Here's some tips that will stylize your pet enough to be a perfect home accessory on their own

Make you pet a stylish breed

▶ Some finicky cats may question you eclectic style, so it can be best — for your pets and your friends — to try and design your home around them.

DECOR MOMENT

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It's often not easy incorporating doggy beds, fish tanks and gerbil cages into a well designed space. Only recently have manufactures started to realize that pet accessories that look good will fly off the shelves. Here are a few ideas that might just help make your pet your most stylish home accessory:

▶ A couch cover can save your cushions from pounds of dog fur and it can look good.

Home Sweet Home

Be creative with an outdoor house for your pet. A small-sized dog house can work purr-fectly for your cat; I like to bring the houses inside; a corner of the family room or on a landing is a great place for them to escape and can be much more charming than a cage. The DIY pet houses that you can paint yourself are so self-expressive; what a great way to blend the house into your home's decor!

Stylish Pets In Training

For young pets there is always the worry of messes and teaching them to stay in their crate at night. A smart decorator might suggest removing long drapes (cats love to climb and dogs like to lift a leg to these towers of fabric) and cover existing furnishings to keep dirt and hair off. Pets and children equal one thing in my decorating world: Synthetic, easy-care fabrics and a good lint brush.

Your Silent Partner

I remember the old family fish tank in the 1970's with the sunken ship, plastic looking plants and one or two lonely fishies swimming around. Tanks are now back in vogue; and used for more than just housing a goldfish.

A stylish tank adds the trickle of water and can act as ambient lighting in your home. Display some trendy fresh bamboo or your favorite seaside shells if the fish relationship thing isn't working for you.

Keep your pet entertained in style

Yes, there are DVDs and music CDs to keep your pet entertained when you are at work. Oddly enough, I think my parents use to do that to me when I was a child; sit me in front of a television and hope for the best.

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▶ Fish tanks are back in style and now there are more options than the old standby of the sunken ship or the underwater castle to decorate them. And don't forget to give your pets a home within your home, such as a good ol' dog house or a stylish hamster cage.

The pet questions

When considering a pet there are a few "decorator questions" to keep in mind; will the colour of Fifi match your fabulous interior? My cat is grey; guess what colour my new sofa is? Does the owner's jewelry need to match the Barney's collar? Yes, Channel and Prada do make pet collars! These are the most important things to keep in mind when adding a new pet to your home.

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Bring out the shears for better blooms

Flowers in your backyard garden are ephemeral They vanish without a trace at the end of each season Doesn't mean you shouldn't prune

Pruning flowers at the right time and in the right circumstances can mean either bigger blooms for bushier plants.

Pruning can help make more flowers, make the plants bushier or increase the size of individual flowers.

So grab your hand shears and sharpen your thumbnail for a stroll among the flowers.

Start with a pinch, for bushiness

Pinching out the tips of growing stems stops, at least temporarily, their growth, in so doing coaxing growth of side shoots. The result: Bushier plants. Even though plants such as lavatera, marigold and zinnia are naturally bushy, pinching out the tips of their stems makes them more so.

Don't carry pinching to excess, though, because it does delay flowering; pinching is something you want to do mostly at the beginning of the growing season. And plants with more side shoots will have more — but smaller — flowers.

A pinch might make bigger flowers

Just as pinching the tips of stems makes bushier plants with more but smaller flowers, limiting the number of stems or flowers has the opposite effect. This is how you grow "football" mums and "dinnerplate" dahlias. Create a plant with fewer but larger flowers by pinching off side shoots, pinching off flower buds forming along a stem, or reducing the number of stems sprouting from ground level.

Deadhead for more flowers

Removing spent flowers — called deadheading — is yet another way pruning gets the best out of your flower plants. Deadheading does double duty, keeping plants tidy and preventing seed formation. Seed formation can drain enough energy from a plant to slow or stop flowering.

Deadheading is especially effective at keeping annuals energetic because all they live for is to flower enough to set some seeds. Then these plants slow down or die, all in one season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cut the spent flowers

Cutting individual, spent flowers from mounded plants bearing small flowers would be much too tedious. Deadhead alyssum, nasturtium, petunias and other such plants by shearing the whole plant back with either grass or hedge shears after a flush of bloom. Give mounded perennials like basket-of-gold, cottage pink, edging candytuft and spike speedwell similar treatment. All these plants will look ragged for a while, but soon cover shorn stems and leaves with new growth and flowers.

Deadheading also keeps plants tidy by preventing unwanted self-seeding.

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Get back to nature

Birds and bees have fluttered into summer spaces, leaving hints of whimsy and signaling a love for the outdoors

HOMES IN STYLE

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Incorporating flying or furry friends into decor can be done through practical or decorative accessories that can immediately rustle up a smile and add way-too-cute appeal to a room.

Rhonda Wolkove, founder of Toronto's RLW Creative Designs Consultant, says decorating with animal shapes and prints makes people feel calm.

"It brings them a little bit closer to nature," says Wolkove. "It's whimsical, people just like to be able to feel good about what they look at. But for the most part … we all sort of have this need to share our inside with the outside."

Exotic animal prints in draperies, bedding or pillows emphasizes the theatrical side of decorating, chosen more for the impact of what it looks like as opposed to the warm and fuzzy feelings of communing with nature and displaying little symbols of pets.

"In some cases depending on the animal print it's more exotic and theatrical, like zebra carpeting and sheepskin rugs — a little more daring. It adds shock value," she says.

"It's different from the people who have statues of horses, lions or they collect elephants. There's a whole different philosophy behind that. It's the majestic beauty of the animal, the strength and the majesty of that particular creature."

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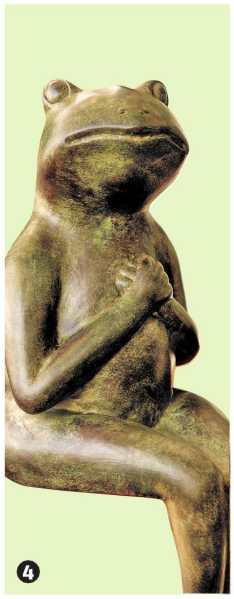

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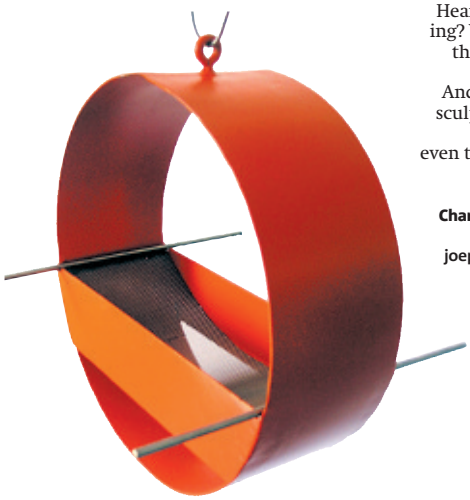

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We are approaching the final closing of our new home that we purchased from a builder (a new construction) and have been informed by our lawyer that there are adjustments on the purchase price that have raised the amount due by several thousand dollars! We are first time homebuyers and this is a lot of money for us. What should we do?

You have succumbed to one of the most frequent issues of first time home buyers who are purchasing from a builder. I can see it: Three years ago you were all excited about buying your first home from the builder and signed on the dotted line thinking you have lots of time to save for the eventual down-payment and the moving costs and not thinking about what you had just signed.

What many people are not aware of is that there is a cooling off period (usually ten days — known as the rescission period) during which you should take your Agreement of Purchase and Sale to your chosen lawyer for review. You have the ability to back out of the contract within that time frame but thereafter, you are locked in. There are a number of matters that need to be covered so that you are fully educated and know what you are getting yourself in to. I will address each of these individually over the next few weeks but they comprise some of the following: Adjustments (hidden costs), grading (landscaping), finishes, landscaping, services, easements, mirror images in your floor design, garage doors, back decks and basements walkouts.

"You should consult a professional before you leap (and sign a Agreements of Purchase and Sale)."

Needless to say, the learning curve on new build Agreements of Purchase and Sale is huge. I am not saying they are bad things, what I am suggesting is that you should consult a professional before you leap.

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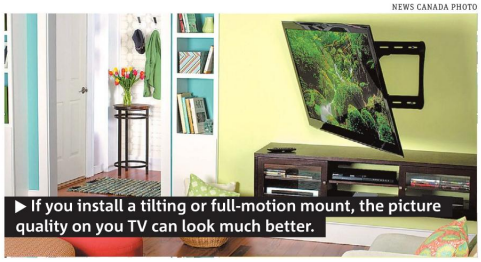

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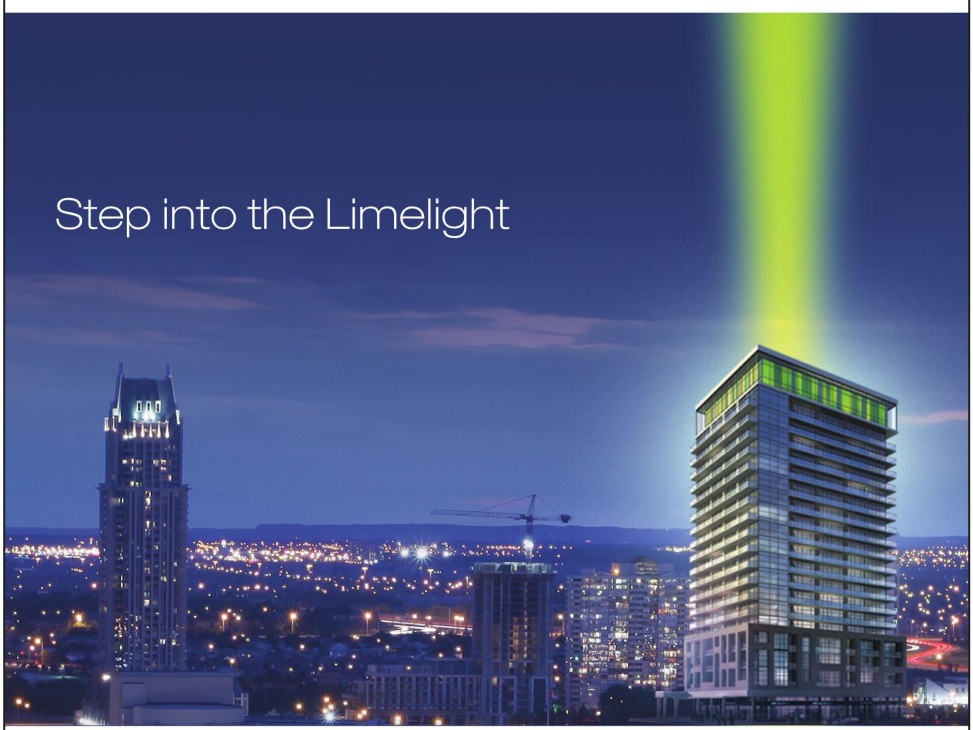

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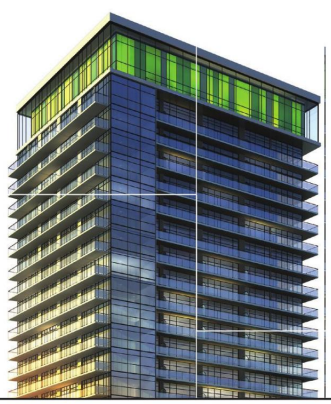

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GET YOUR RENOVATION CONTRACTS IN WRITING

I was a guest on Canada AM earlier this week talking about renovation "horror stories."

For the rest of the day I kept thinking of things I should have said including the fact that the vast majority of the cases you read or hear about involve fly-by-night or "tailgate" contractors as opposed to professional renovators.

How does one go about ensuring they have the right renovator? As I stressed in the interview, homeowners have to make certain they are dealing with a professional contractor who is prepared to put in writing the work to be performed, the price, the specifications, timelines and payment terms.

With the recent implementation of the HST, there's bound to be a spike in "underground" renovation activity or "cash deals" with no paperwork. But as I told the interviewer, without a contract, homeowners have absolutely no recourse should things go awry.

I have never concluded the debate with myself about who drives the underground economy. Is it homeowners asking for a better price if they pay cash or contractors offering a better price in lieu of a receipt?

Not that I'm counselling tax fraud, but if it's the contractor offering to work under the table, you should be expecting a massive discount, not a token reduction. Think about it — not only is the contractor not paying sales tax but they are also likely evading much higher income and payroll taxes.

If it's the homeowner asking for a cash discount, I would merely say that if the contractor is willing to cut corners when it comes to paying taxes, what makes you think he won't do the same thing with your home renovation?

As the title of this column suggests, your best bet is to get it in writing. On that note, all RenoMark contractors are required by BILD to offer a detailed, written scope of work under our renovation-specific Code of Conduct. Visit renomark.ca for more details and check out our searchable database of professional renovation contractors.

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Peaches are ahead of season and already arriving at farmer's markets
Be careful when buying as stores are still bringing in imported foods

Like just about every summer crop of fruits and vegetables this year, fresh locally grown peaches are ahead of season.

Because of an early spring and more recently warm moist weather, the early semi-freestone variety is already in farmers markets in Ontario, says Len Troup, chairman of the Niagara-based Ontario Tender Fruit Producers. He expects freestone peaches to be available by Aug. 12.

"I think some people have a certain date in their heads when peaches are going to arrive. Well, they are here."

The flesh of the semi-freestone partially clings to the pit and these peaches are excellent for eating out-of-hand, says Troup.

When shopping for domestically grown peaches in the supermarket be sure to check labels because there is a lot of imported product just now.

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▶ Niagara Chef Mark Picone preparing a meal at his culinary studio in Vineland, Ont. He heaps praise on the region for its ideal climate for growing tender fruit.

Niagara Region

The rich mineral soil of the region combined with a unique microclimate created by the lakes and the escarpment impart a sweet, sun-kissed aroma to Ontario's tender fruit

Fruit production The Niagara region doesn't only produce peaches. During the summer season and into the autumn it offers up other tender fruit.

Other fruits These include pears, nectarines, plums, cherries and Coronation table grapes, which grow in abundance.

Other areas Outside Niagara in southwestern Ontario there is also consistent fruit production. They include Cedar Springs and the Leamington and Harrow area, where tender fruit has been grown for many years.

Crunchy Tortilla Salad

▶ Crunchy Tortilla Salad

Yields: 8
Prep time: 20 min.
Cooking: 16 min.

Ingredients :

Top Sirloin Tostada
- 500 g (1 lb) beef top sirloin grilling steak, about 2.5 cm (1 inch) thick
- 8 whole-wheat flour tortillas, each about 18 cm (7-inch) in diameter
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) vegetable oil
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped red onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 500 ml (2 cups) each quartered mushrooms and grape tomatoes, halved
- 500 ml (2 cups) fresh or thawed corn kernels
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded lettuce
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) minced fresh coriander or parsley
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Marinade/Dressing
15 ml (1 tbsp) each vegetable oil and grated lime rind
50 ml (1/4 cup) lime juice (about 2 limes)
30 ml (2 tbsp) minced fresh coriander or parsley
15 ml (1 tbsp) chili powder
4 large cloves garlic, minced

Preparation:

1 In a bowl, combine oil, lime rind, lime juice, coriander, chili powder and garlic. Set aside 45 ml (3 tbsp) of the mixture in a large bowl for the dressing. Rub remaining mixture over both sides of steak. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 4 hours.

2 Meanwhile, oven toast tortillas. Spray both sides of tortillas with cooking spray; place in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake in a 180 C (350 F) oven for 10 minutes or until crisp and lightly browned.

3 Pat steak dry; season with salt and pepper. Grill over medium-high, about 5 minutes per side for medium-rare. Let rest before slicing.

4 Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium-high, heat 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the oil. Add onion and garlic; cook until onion is softened, about 4 minutes. Add mushrooms; cook until all liquid is released, about 5 minutes. Reduce heat to medium; add tomatoes and corn. Cook, stirring, just until softened, about 5 minutes.

5 Meanwhile, whisk remaining oil into reserved marinade to complete the dressing. Thinly slice steak; add to dressing along with mushroom mixture, lettuce and coriander, tossing gently to coat. Pile 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the beef mixture on each tortilla to serve.

4 sports

A Royal hit parade

- Jays starter Rzepczynski can't tame Kansas City bats
- Greinke stingy as Toronto hitters handcuffed

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BLUE JAYS	ROYALS

Marc Rzepczynski has rejoined the Blue Jays' starting rotation for now, but the 24-year-old southpaw still approaches his job with a relief pitcher's mentality, which is to say he's ready for whatever, whenever.

And while his mind was prepared for his second big league start of the season, and his first start since July 7, Rzepczynski says his body just couldn't carry out the orders against the Royals.

Sloppy technique caused him to miss his targets, and missed targets left Rzepczynski's pitches where the Royals could hit them.

Hard.

In pounding out a 5-2 win over the Jays, the Royals tagged Rzepczynski for nine hits in less than five innings, a reminder to the pitcher that his body and brain need to work together if he hopes to subdue big league hitters.

"I was fighting my body today. I was flying open way too much and I was almost slinging the ball," said Rzepczynski, now 0-1 this season. "That's why my sinkers and my fastballs away were getting hit hard the other way instead of getting hit on the ground."

Rzepczynski started yesterday in place of Brandon Morrow, whom the Jays sidelined for a start in an effort to limit his innings.

The schedule didn't help Rzepczynski, who moved up from triple-A Las Vegas July 2, when a sore elbow sidelined Shaun Marcum.

The Royals' record might not impress you (41-53 after yesterday), but they're batting a major league-best .281 as a team, an unfriendly number for a pitcher trying to rediscover his rhythm.

Yesterday's hit list included three doubles, a pair of triples and four base hits in 10 chances with runners in scoring position.

Over the three-game series the Royals rapped out three leadoff triples — including two yesterday — with all three runners wound up scoring.

Royals starter Zack Greinke (6-9) allowed two runs and six hits in eight innings, striking out nine without a walk.

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AL East action

▶ Mark Teixeira and Robinson Cano supplied the early offence that ended Joel Pineiro's seven-game winning streak, and the New York Yankees beat the Los Angeles Angels 10-6 to split their two-game series.

▶ Evan Longoria homered, drove in two runs and scored twice, and the Tampa Bay Rays blew a four-run lead before rebounding to beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-4.

▶ Matt Watson and Jack Cust homered as the Oakland Athletics won their third straight series with a 6-4 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

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Blue Jays designated hitter Adam Lind extended his career-high hitting streak to 14 games with an assist from the official scorer. Lind initially got on base in the ninth inning on an error, but the scorer later changed it to a hit.

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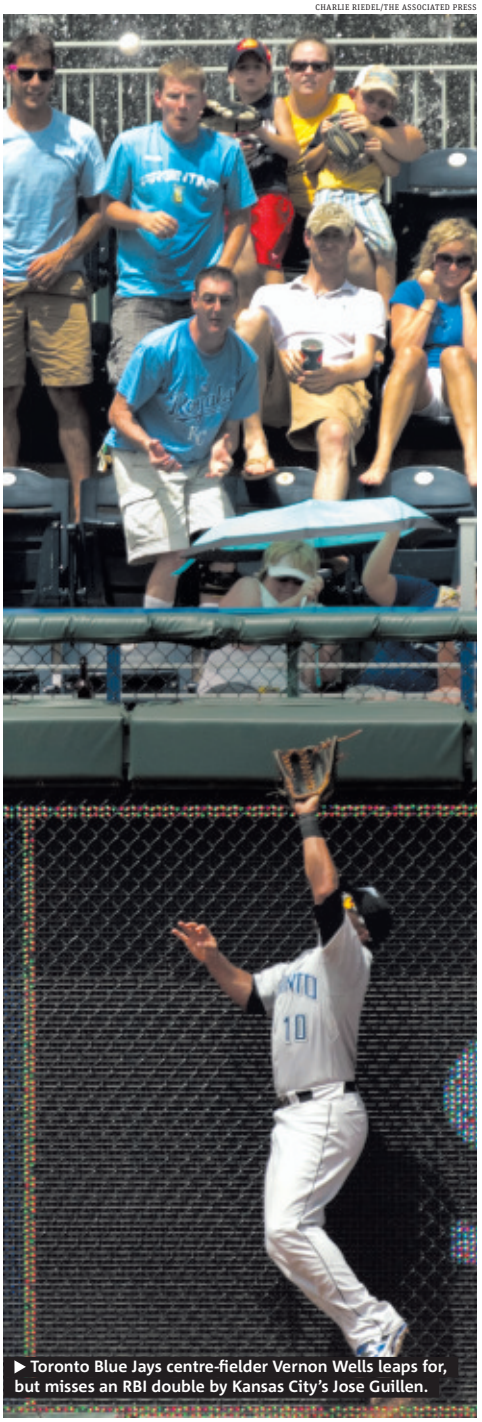
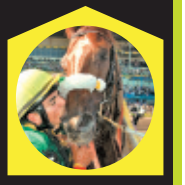
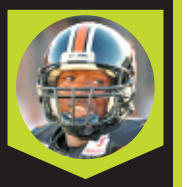


▶ Toronto Blue Jays centre-fielder Vernon Wells leaps for, but misses an RBI double by Kansas City's Jose Guillen.

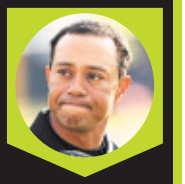
Up and down

Big Red Mike
The Queen's Plate champion was named the 6/5 early favourite for the $500,000 Prince of Wales Stakes Sunday in Fort Erie.





Casey Printers
The Lions QB will miss tomorrow's game versus the Argos with a knee injury.



Tiger Woods
The golfer's estimated endorsements for 2010 are worth $22 million US less than last year, according to Sports Illustrated's annual analysis.

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Fresh start: Turkoglu happy to join Phoenix

Hedo Turkoglu is ready to put one disappointing season in Toronto behind him.

Teaming up with Steve Nash of Victoria on the Phoenix Suns should make it easier.

"They're a good group of guys who like to play together and they have a good system with coach Alvin (Gentry) here," said Turkoglu, recovering from minor gall bladder surgery earlier this month. "I've been watching the past years and they enjoy playing together and the style they play looks great to me."

Turkoglu was traded to Phoenix last week in a deal that sent Leandro Barbosa and Dwayne Jones to Toronto. The Turkish forward saw his scoring average dip in one season with the Raptors and was benched for a game after being seen out on the town the day after missing a game with what he said was a stomach virus.

The Suns are hoping Turkoglu reverts to the form he had with Orlando, where he was the NBA's most improved player for 2007-08. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

10 Over his 10-year career Turkoglu has averaged 12.2 points, 4.3 rebounds and nearly three assists per game.

Sports in brief

Jefferson stays with Spurs

NBA. Richard Jefferson is returning to the San Antonio Spurs after opting out of his old contract that would have paid him $15 million US next season. The Spurs announced yesterday they re-signed the veteran swingman. Terms of his new deal weren't disclosed, but Jefferson had been willing to give up the final year of his bloated deal for longer-term security.

Villeneuve joins with Durango

RACING. Jacques Villeneuve confirmed yesterday he has joined forces with Italy's Durango in a bid to place a team in Formula One next season.

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▶ Ilya Kovalchuk speaks to the media Tuesday.

Kovalchuk left in limbo by NHL ruling

Ilya Kovalchuk is no closer to figuring out his future than he was when NHL free agency opened three weeks ago.

Kovalchuk's landmark 17-year, $102-million US contract with the New Jersey Devils was rejected by the NHL, which ruled that the longest deal in league history violated its salary cap.

Where the high-scoring forward — the biggest prize on the free agent market — will land now is anyone's guess.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said in a statement yesterday the Devils, Kovalchuk and the players' association still have several options if they choose to restructure the deal.

Until then, Daly said "the player is not entitled to play under the contract."

The union has a few days to decide if it will file a grievance to try to have this contract approved; Kovalchuk and the Devils could return to the bargaining table to work out a new deal; or the all-star forward could go back into free agency and find a new home in the NHL or in his native Russia with the rival KHL.

Red flags were raised even before the Devils held a news conference Tuesday to formally announce what appeared to be Kovalchuk's final NHL contract.

By tacking on years of low salary at the end of the deal when Kovalchuk would be well past his prime — if he was even still playing — the Devils lowered their salary-cap hit to $6 million per season.

"We are extremely disappointed that the NHL has decided to reject the contract of Ilya Kovalchuk," Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello said in a statement.

"The contract complies with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement."

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TFC drops friendly

Toronto FC has continued its winless ways at home against international competition, fielding a short-handed squad that fell short in penalty kicks against the Bolton Wanderers last night.

Bolton won 4-3 in penalties after the game ended in a 1-1 draw. Toronto fell to 0-4-3 all-time at BMO Field against international clubs, after academy player Oscar Cordon was stopped on Toronto's final try from the spot.

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL

AL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
NEW YORK	59	34	.634	-
TAMPA BAY	57	37	.606	2.5
BOSTON	53	42	.558	7
TORONTO	48	47	.505	12
BALTIMORE	30	64	.319	29.5

AL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
CHICAGO	52	41	.559	-
DETROIT	49	44	.527	3
MINNESOTA	50	45	.526	3
KANSAS CITY	41	53	.436	11.5
CLEVELAND	40	55	.421	13

AL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	55	40	.579	-
LOS ANGELES	51	46	.526	5
OAKLAND	48	47	.505	7
SEATTLE	36	58	.383	18.5

NL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	55	38	.591	-
NEW YORK	49	45	.521	6.5
PHILADELPHIA	48	45	.516	7
FLORIDA	46	48	.489	9.5
WASHINGTON	40	54	.426	15.5

NL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
ST. LOUIS	53	41	.564	-
CINCINNATI	53	42	.558	0.5
CHICAGO	43	53	.448	11
MILWAUKEE	43	53	.448	11
HOUSTON	39	56	.411	14.5
PITTSBURGH	34	60	.362	19

NL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
SAN DIEGO	54	38	.587	-
SAN FRANCISCO	52	42	.553	3
COLORADO	51	43	.543	4
LOS ANGELES	49	45	.521	6
ARIZONA	36	58	.383	19

JAYS WEDNESDAY BOX SCORE

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
F.LEWIS LF	2	0	0	0	0	0	.281
A-WISE PH-LF	2	0	0	0	0	0	.219
JO.MCDONALD SS	4	0	1	1	0	3	.213
J.BAUTISTA RF	4	0	0	0	0	1	.238
V.WELLS CF	4	1	3	0	0	0	.271
LIND DH	4	0	1	0	0	2	.218
A.HILL 2B	4	0	1	0	0	2	.203
OVERBAY 1B	4	0	1	1	0	0	.251
ENCARNACION 3B	3	1	1	0	0	0	.241
J.MOLINA C	3	0	0	0	0	2.	272
TOTALS	**34**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**0**	**10**	

KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
BLOOMQUIST RF	4	1	1	1	0	1	.234
AVILES 2B	4	1	2	0	0	1	.298
B.BUTLER 1B	4	1	1	1	0	0	.314
BETEMIT LF	3	0	0	0	1	2	.368
J.GUILLEN DH	3	1	1	2	0	0	.278
CALLASPO 3B	4	0	1	0	0	0	.275
B.PENA C	4	0	3	1	0	1	.242
MAIER CF	4	0	0	0	0	1	.251
Y.BETANCOURT SS	3	1	1	0	0	0	.263
TOTALS	**33**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**1**	**6**	

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
RZEPCZYNSKI L,0-1	4⅓	9	5	5	1	3
JANSSEN	2⅓	1	0	0	0	2
PURCEY	1	0	0	0	0	1
KANSAS CITY	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
GREINKE W,6-9	8	6	2	2	0	9
SORIA S,26-28	1	1	0	0	0	1

Yesterday's AL results

Kansas City 5 Toronto 2
Minnesota 6 Cleveland 0
N.Y. Yankees 10 L.A. Angels 6
Oakland 6 Boston 4
Tampa Bay 5 Baltimore 4
Detroit 4 Texas 1
Chicago White Sox at Seattle

Yesterday's NL results

Florida 5 Colorado 2
Houston 4 Chicago Cubs 3 (12 ings)
Pittsburgh 15 Milwaukee 3
Washington 8 Cincinnati 5
San Diego at Atlanta
Philadelphia at St. Louis
N.Y. Mets at Arizona
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers

Today's AL games

Toronto at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

Today's NL games

Colorado at Florida, 12:10 p.m.
Washington at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
San Diego at Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

NHL

NHL - Rejected the New Jersey Devils agreement with LW Ilya Kovalchuk on a 17-year contract.
BUFFALO SABRES - Agreed to terms with RW Patrick Kaleta on a two-year contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS - Re-signed F Nick Foligno to a two-year contract.
ST. LOUIS BLUES - Agreed to terms with F David Perron on a two-year contract.

NBA

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS - Signed G Jeremy Lin.
MILWAUKEE BUCKS - Traded F Darnell Jackson and a 2011 second-round draft pick to Sacramento for F Jon Brockman.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS - Signed C Tony Battie.
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS - Signed G Wesley Matthews.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS - Re-signed G Richard Jefferson.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES - Reinstated LHP Michael Gonzalez from the 60-day DL. Recalled LHP Troy Patton from Norfolk (IL). Optioned INF Josh Bell and LHP Troy Patton to Norfolk. Transferred RHP Jim Johnson to the 60-day DL.
BOSTON RED SOX - Activated RHP Clay Buchholz from the 15-day DL and INF Jed Lowrie from the 60-day DL. Optioned LHP Dustin Richardson to Pawtucket (IL). Designated 1B Ryan Shealy for assignment.
CLEVELAND INDIANS - Optioned RHP Jensen Lewis to Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS - Recalled INF Scott Sizemore from Toledo (IL). Optioned RHP Casey Fien to Toledo.
MINNESOTA TWINS - Optioned RHP Jeff Manship to Rochester (IL).

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
MONTREAL	3	2	1	0	100	89	4
TORONTO	3	2	1	0	79	88	4
WINNIPEG	3	1	2	0	90	93	2
HAMILTON	3	1	2	0	79	79	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
SASK.	3	3	0	0	115	89	6
CALGARY	3	2	1	0	77	65	4
B.C.	3	1	2	0	55	63	2
EDMONTON	3	0	3	0	53	82	0

Today's game

Hamilton at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's game

B.C. at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

June 22

1962 - Gary Player of South Africa becomes the first nonresident of the United States to win the PGA championship.
1963 - Sonny Liston knocks out Floyd Patterson in 2 minutes, 10 seconds of the first round to retain the world heavyweight title. Liston took the title from Patterson with a first-round knockout in Chicago on Sept. 25, 1962.
2001 - David Duval shoots a 4-under 67 at Royal Lytham & St. Annes to win the British Open title, his first major championship. He finishes at 10-under 274 for a three-stroke victory.

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Braley Bowl: Two teams, one owner

LIONS ARGOS

- **Time:** Friday 7:30 p.m.
  Channel: TSN

David Braley is in a bit of a quandary.

He's not sure what he should wear when the Toronto Argonauts and B.C. Lions — the two CFL teams Braley owns — square off tomorrow night at Rogers Centre in a game being dubbed the Braley Bowl.

"We're speculating whether I should wear something like a white golf shirt," Braley mused, "or should I get dressed up in (Hamilton) Tiger-Cats colours?"

Donning Ticats colours would certainly raise eyebrows considering Hamilton is Toronto's arch rival, something Braley, the owner and president of auto parts manufacturer Orlick Industries Limited in Steeltown, knows only too well from his days as Hamilton's owner in the late 1980s and early '90s.

But while the contest is just the fourth of the season for B.C. (1-2) and Toronto (2-1), it will have definite historical significance. It marks the first time in CFL history two teams with the same owner have met.

And Braley, a Montreal native raised in Hamilton and recently named to the Senate, will celebrate by splitting his time in both the Toronto and B.C ownership boxes at Rogers Centre.

"I'll be moving back and forth between them," he said. "Obviously, we have sponsors and different people joining us and part of the job of the owner is to say hello and do a little shmoozing. It's business as usual.

"I love football so I'm going to enjoy the football game and I'm going to enjoy good plays whether they're made by one team or the other. I just like good football so I can enjoy watching the game and not concern myself too much emotionally about rooting for one or the other. I'll root for them both."

Braley, who became Lions owner in January 1997, purchased the Argos in the off-season from Toronto businessmen Howard Sokolowski and David Cynamon. The move wasn't overly surprising, given Braley helped Sokolowski and Cynamon out of bankruptcy in a secret deal six years ago.

While the optics of one person having a 25 per cent ownership stake in the league would appear awkward, the league's constitution does allow multiple ownership.

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Sore spot

Weir aims to play through pain

It was probably the one time Mike Weir would rather have been talking about trying to end the country's long drought at the RBC Canadian Open.

Instead, the popular lefty from Bright's Grove, Ont., found himself discussing a bout of tendinitis in his right arm on the eve of the national championship. Weir's pro-am round came to an abrupt yesterday when he walked off the course to receive treatment in the PGA Tour's fitness trailer.

Before leaving St. George's Golf and Country Club, he made it clear that he plans to return for his opening-round tee time this afternoon (TSN, 3 p.m. ET).

"I can't see myself withdrawing," said Weir. "I mean, I'll play through it. I have next week off. Today in the pro-am it was bothering me on every shot I hit and I thought it was a good time to take it easy.

"(The physical therapist) said it was a good thing you did that. He said don't hit any more shots today, just keep doing the ice and Advil and rest it."

The nagging injury flared up during last week's British Open and puts another wrinkle into Weir's attempt to become the first Canadian to win at home since Pat Fletcher in 1954.

Interestingly, he wasn't asked about ending that streak during his session with reporters yesterday. It's probably the first time that's happened here in more than a decade.

Even though Weir didn't talk about it, everyone on the property knows exactly how important the tournament is to him.

"I guarantee that Mike Weir wants it a thousand times more than you could ever imagine he wants it," said England's Paul Casey. "To win your national championship — that's what you want."

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Key tee times

When some top golfers will be teeing off today at St. George's.

- **7 a.m.** Brandt Snedeker, Craig Barlow, Omar Uresti.
- **7:40 a.m.** Camilo Villegas, Retief Goosen, Carl Pettersson.
- **7:50 a.m.** Ryan Palmer, Nathan Green, Chris DiMarco.
- **8:10 a.m.** Tim Clark, Hunter Mahan, Scott Verplank.
- **8:40 a.m.** Justin Bolli, Kevin Johnson, Matt Hill.
- **12:25 p.m.** Arjun Atwal, Chris Stroud, Graham DeLaet.
- **1:15 p.m.** Sean O'Hair, Mike Weir, Fred Couples.
- **1:05 p.m.** John Daly, Kevin Na, Jeev Milkha Singh
- **1:25 p.m.** Jason Bohn, Stephen Ames, Paul Casey.

ST. GEORGE'S

Course wins rave reviews from golfers

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Eleven of the top 30 in the PGA Tour's FedExCup standings have entered, including Paul Casey, Retief Goosen, Tim Clark, Camilo Villegas, Hunter Mahan and Luke Donald.

The biggest star at the RBC Canadian Open might end up being St. George's, which is hosting the tournament for the first time since 1968. Players have been raving about the Stanley Thompson layout after their practice rounds.

"It's a great golf course," said Calgary's Stephen Ames. "It's a ballstriker's course. ... You've got to think on every shot, where you want to miss it or where you don't want to miss it.

"How many golf courses do you play like that?"

Added Matt Bettencourt, a winner last week in Reno: "This place is phenomenal."

Even defending champion Nathan Green didn't mind arriving at an unfamiliar venue to try to win another title. He outlasted Retief Goosen last year at Glen Abbey, but welcomed the move to St. George's.

"I actually like that," said Green.

"I think Canada has got so many great golf courses. I think it's good that they share and do move it around."

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CFL Extra Points

DAN TOTH

ESKIES FEELING THE PRESSURE

Richie Hall's head could be the first to roll this season in the CFL.

Hall's underachieving Eskimos are floundering through the early part of the year and the pressure is already mounting to make changes.

The 0-3 Eskies have yet to score a point in the fourth quarter through three games, have been outscored 29-0 in the last 15 minutes, and last week failed to hang onto a seven-point fourth-quarter lead against Saskatchewan. The 1965 season was the last time the Esks started a campaign 0-4.

The Esks, who also face the added pressure of hosting this year's Grey Cup game, face the Bombers Saturday.

ARGOS FLYING HIGH:

The Toronto Argos are breathing rarified air early in the 2010 campaign. For the first time since 2007, the Argos are in first place in the CFL East (tied with Montreal), and are converting some skeptics who wondered aloud if first-year CFL quarterback Cleo Lemon had the tools to win in Canada.

KICKING AROUND:

There are no sure things in the CFL but Ticats placekicker Sandro DeAngelis used to be as close as you could get to perfection. The most accurate kicker in CFL history through five seasons in Calgary, DeAngelis missed both his field goal attempts last week and is just 4-of-8 this season. DeAngelis signed as a free agent but now you have to wonder if the tricky winds of Ivor Wynne Stadium have gotten into his head.

PIERCE INJURED:

Winnipeg Blue Bombers starting quarterback Buck Pierce will miss Saturday's game against the Edmonton Eskimos with a sprained right knee. With the oft-injured Pierce (he had been knocked out of seven of his previous 23 games) on the sidelines, Bombers backup Steven Jyles will guide the offence.

RAMBO'S RETURN?:

The Calgary receiving corps should profit from the possible return of Ken-Yon Rambo Saturday when the Stampeders host the Saskatchewan Roughriders. The CFL's leading receiver in 2008 appears set to return from a serious knee injury suffered early last season.

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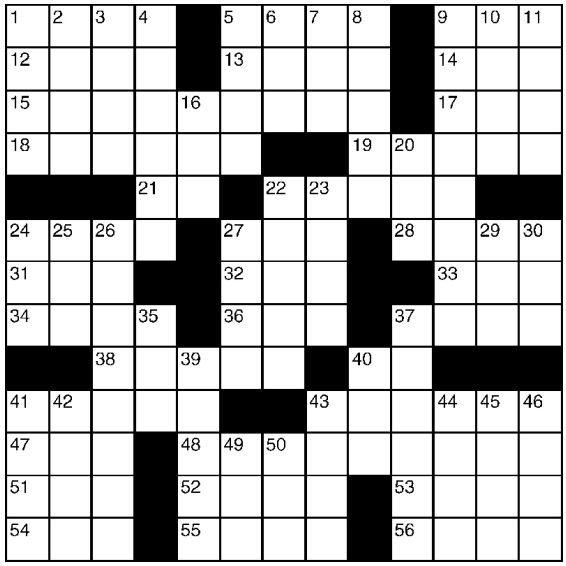
Across

1 Bullets and such
5 After-dinner remark?
9 Moment
12 Black shade
13 Vicinity
14 Painter's medium
15 Data-storage device
17 To and —
18 Goya, for one
19 Performed
21 Indefinite article
22 Paycheck extra
24 Final
27 Storefront sign abbr.
28 Nonsense
31 Altar affirmative
32 Conger, e.g.
33 Gorilla
34 Couch
36 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
37 Fix, in a sense
38 Afternoon hour
40 Roman Dalmatian count?
41 Diamond side
43 Power problem
47 Past
48 Toil
51 Scoundrel
52 "Zounds!"
53 Abrades
54 Golf gadget
55 Umps
56 Eyelid woe

Down

1 Rue the run
2 Castle protector
3 "Walking in Memphis" singer Cohn
4 Hackneyed
5 Roseanne of sitcom fame
6 Mentalist Geller
7 Gun the engine
8 Hymn
9 Flattery
10 Green land
11 Lummox
16 Lair
20 Young Scout
22 Silver-scaled fish
23 Scandinavian city
24 Fleur-de- —
25 Big bother
26 Less explicit than it could be
27 Aid
29 Resort
30 Attention-getter
35 Shock and —
37 Raga musicmakers
39 Something else
40 — -de-sac
41 Datum
42 Malaria symptom
43 Probability
44 Touch
45 Pass
46 Gaelic
49 Census stat
50 U.K. fliers



▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	6	2				1		
			8	2				3
9					1			4
		9	1		6		5	
	2			8			3	
	4		2		7	6		
1			3					2
8				5	2			
		7				5	9	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	5	1	2	7	6	4	9	8
4	8	7	1	3	9	5	6	2
6	9	2	8	4	5	7	1	3
5	6	4	3	9	1	8	2	7
7	2	9	6	8	4	3	5	1
8	1	3	5	2	7	9	4	6
9	3	8	4	1	2	6	7	5
1	7	5	9	6	8	2	3	4

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XIAO WEIWEI

Sebastian, After much philosophizing, I believe that the day we are separated will be my apocalypse. So I'll stand by you and love you always,
KEIDI

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 19 One of the best times of the year begins for you today as the Sun moves into Leo and no matter how depressed you may have been feeling of late you will cheer up considerably.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21 Go out of your way over the next 24 hours to remind loved ones how much they mean to you. Tell them loud and tell them often.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Put your worries behind you and start having fun. Forget about everything that does not bring a smile to your face.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The simple fact is you have been spending far more than you can afford. Time to cut back a bit.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 A new solar year begins for you today and there is no reason why it should not be the best one ever.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The next few weeks may not be easy but there is no reason why they should be difficult either. Keep reminding yourself how much you have to be thankful for and keep your eye on your ultimate goal. It's not so far away.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Do you need a rest? You certainly deserve one. No one will complain if you ease off the pace today, and if you get together with some of your laidback friends you'll have a great day together doing next to nothing.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 As the Sun crosses the midheaven angle of your chart today you are sure to be put to the test in some way, but your Scorpio self-belief will see you through no matter how stiff the challenge.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It's time to expand your horizons and find ways to get more out of life. That's not, however, an invitation to be reckless.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may not want others to know about your financial needs but if you don't open your mouth they won't be able to help you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The Sun moves into your opposite sign of Leo today, so partnership matters will be of the utmost importance. It may be tempting to make snap judgments about people but do you really know what motivates them?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You would be wise to make changes to your schedule today, changes that reflect the fact that you are feeling a bit run down physically and mentally. You have pushed yourself hard these past few weeks, so give yourself a break.
SALLY BROMPTON

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